TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Minutes Monday August 17, 2026
4:00 PM Highway Office
1415 North Belt West, Belleville, IL.
Conference Room

Members In Attendance:
Richard Vernier, Chairperson
Marty Crawford, Asst. Chairperson
Robert Allen
Michael O'Donnell
Robert Trentman
Harry Hollingsworth
Jana Moll

Guest:
Norm Etling, County Engineer
James Harms, Asst. County Engineer
Michael Suarez, Supervisor Road & Bridges
Cheri Weaver, Office Manager

Members Absent:

The Chairperson called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 4:00 p.m.
Mrs. Moll made a motion seconded by Mr. Crawford to approve the minutes from the 7-06-2026 meeting. All members present voted aye.
The Chairperson asked if there were any comments on the agenda from the Committee. None presented.
The Chairperson asked if there were any comments from the audience. None presented.

Action Item: Approve the easement vacation Lot 8 of the Estates at Heritage Landing. Mr. Allen made a motion seconded by Mr. Hollingsworth to approve. All members present voted aye.

Ordinance: 1) No Parking on either side of South Church Street from IL RT 13 to Environmental Drive. Mr. O'Donnell made a motion seconded by Mrs. Moll to approve. All members present voted aye.

Resolutions:

A) Resolution authorizing the award of the 2026 Oil and Chip Program, Section # 26-00000-00-GM to the low bidder, DMS Contracting, Inc in the amount of $1,298,496.30. Funding to be from the County Motor Fuel Tax. Mr. Crawford made a motion seconded by Mr. Allen to approve. All members present voted aye.
B) Resolution authorizing the award of the rock salt purchase 2026-2027, Section 26 (1-19)000-01-GM to the low bidder, Morton Salt in the amount of $2,354,009.00. The County portion to be funded from the County Motor Fuel Tax. Mr. Allen made a motion seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to approve. All members present voted aye.
C) Resolution authorizing the firm of Bacon, Farmer, Workman Engineering and Testing to prepare a bridge condition report for the bridge which carries Five Forks over Silver Creek in the amount of $24,603.00. Section 26-00087-07-ES is to be funded from the County Bridge Fund. Mr. Hollingsworth made a motion seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to approve. All members present voted aye.
D) Resolution authorizing a modification the existing contract with Volkert, Inc for the Press Road Bridge over Richland Creek, Section 22-18101-05-BR due to the increased work scope. The amount of the increase to be $19,818.00 and to be paid from the County Highway Fund. Mr. O'Donnell made a motion seconded by Mr. Allen to approve. All members present voted aye.
E) Resolution authorizing an agreement with St. Clair County Transit District for the project known as Bunkum Road Trail Phase 1. Mr. Allen made a motion seconded by Mr. Crawford to approve. All members present voted aye.
F) Resolution authorizing a joint agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the improvements to Ashland Avenue and Old Collinsville Road. The County portion to be $303,710.00 or as much as is needed. Section 19-00276- 07-PW is to be funded using County Matching Funds. Mr. Hollingsworth made a motion seconded by Mrs. Moll to approve. All members present voted aye.

G) Resolution authorizing an Agreement with the Village of Shiloh related to TIF Funds to be used on the Frank Scott Parkway Widening Project. Mrs. Moll made a motion seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to approve. All members present voted aye.
H) Resolution authorizing a permit to Socket Fiber to install a buried fiber line under Frank Scott Parkway east of IL 159. All previously approved requirements to apply. See letter J.
I) Resolution authorizing a permit to i3 Broadband to install a buried communication line along the south side of Frank Scott Parkway at the intersection of Sullivan Drive heading east. All previously approved requirements to apply. See letter J.
J) Resolution authorizing a permit to i3 Broadband to install a buried communication line on Sullivan Drive from Huntwood northerly to the developments on both sides. All previously approved requirements to apply. Mr. O'Donnell made a motion seconded by Mr. Crawford to approve H, I, and J. All members present voted aye.
K) Resolution authorizing the purchase of one Lazer Z X Series 37 HP Vanguard Ultra Cut Zero Turn with Tractus Tires from Bi-County Small Engine Center in the amount of $17,399.00. Funding to be from the Highway Equipment Trust Fund with Section #26-00000-07-EQ. Mr. Allen made a motion seconded by Mr. Crawford to approve. All members present voted aye.
L) Resolution authorizing the 6th Cider Man Event on September 12, 2026. All previous County Road Use provisions apply. Mr. O'Donnell made a motion seconded by Mr. Hollingsworth to approve. All members present voted aye.
M) Resolution authorizing a modification to an existing contract with Volkert, Inc. for the bridge carrying Old Collinsville Road over Richland Creek, Section 22-00276-14-BR in the additional amount of $42,486.00 for modified Scope of Services to close the road for the bridge replacement. Funding to be from the County Bridge Fund. Mr. Trentman made a motion seconded by Mrs. Moll to approve. All members present voted aye.

Engineer's Report:
FSP Extension proceeding. Setting dowel baskets next week.
Working on acquiring Right of Way for Greenmount Road widening north.
County Wide Striping completed
Frank Scott Parkway Widening started week of 8-10-2026
Intersection improvements to Old Collinsville and Ashland low bidder Hanks Excavating awaiting IDOT authorization. Pre-con scheduled for week of 8-24-2026.
Church Street completed.
Safety grant application submitted
Roof damage work approved by HR and contractor informed
Numerous solar farm reviews moving through the process
Plum Hill Road Bridge completed
Responded to OSHA inspection review
Lane restrictions set up on Five Forks over Silver Creek
Assisted in response to chemical issue at Monsanto
Lawsuit settled for bridge damage on Scott Troy Road.
Picked up two new F250 trucks, waiting on 1 ton dump.
Kaskaskia Port District #1 Rail Loop project approved.
Permit issued to City of O'Fallon to bore a 30" sewer main under Scott Troy Road.
Mr. Allen made a motion seconded by Mrs. Moll to approve. All members present voted aye.

The Chairperson asked if there was any Old Business: None presented.
The Chairperson asked if there was any New Business: None presented.

Action Item: Motion to go into Executive Session to Discuss Personnel. Mr. O'Donnell made a motion seconded by Mrs. Moll to go into Executive Session. All members present voted aye.

Motion to approve what was discussed in Executive Session. Mrs. Moll made a motion seconded by Mr. Crawford to approve what was discussed in Executive Session. All members present voted aye.

Adjournment: Mr. Allen made a motion seconded by Mr. O'Donnell to adjourn. All members present voted aye. The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.