

## HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

**DATE:** July 8, 2025  
**LOCATION:** Kendall County Highway Department  
**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jason Peterson, Dan Koukol, Scott Gengler, and Brooke Shanley  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Michele Riley and Francis Klaas  
**ALSO PRESENT:** PJ Fitzpatrick

The committee meeting convened at 3:32 P.M. with roll call of committee members. Bachmann absent. Quorum established.

Motion Shanley; second Koukol, to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Shanley; second Gengler, to approve the Highway Committee minutes from June 10, 2025. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion Shanley; second Koukol to recommend approval of a resolution authorizing the use of eminent domain to acquire certain parcels of land for roadway purposes along Ridge Road between Holt Road and Black Road in Kendall County, Illinois. Klaas apologized for not including these parcels in the resolution just 2 months ago. He provided an exhibit of the 3 parcels and described how tiny the parcels were. He didn't originally think that these parcels would be considered for condemnation because they are so small and don't involve a lot of money. He added that the 3 parcels are all represented by the same attorney, and the attorney is not willing to negotiate with the County unless we file in court. Koukol asked who the attorney was. Klaas was unsure, but said that our land negotiator, Mark Mathewson, was working with him, and it has not been going well. Peterson asked if Klaas had a temperature gauge with the actual owners. Klaas said that 2 of the parcels were land trusts and the third parcel had something like 9 owners, so he really didn't know. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion Gengler; second Shanley to recommend approval of a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement between Kendall County and HR Green for Phase 2 Engineering Services at the Galena Road – Rock Creek Road intersection in an amount not to exceed \$62,005.61. Koukol asked if this agreement included everything that had been talked about at the previous meeting. Klaas affirmed that this was the final agreement for Galena Road this year. He added that the agreement is under budget, and surveying work has already begun. Motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

In other business, Gengler reported that he drove Grove Road over the past week, and it looks really nice. Koukol discussed the intersections of Millington-Rogers and Millington-Millhurst, and the safety measures that have been taken at those intersections. Klaas reported that there is a little more traffic on Millhurst Road than Rogers Road, but he thought they had about the same number of serious accidents. Gengler asked what the argument was for or against rumble strips. Klaas said that they are not great for motorcycles or snowplows, and they create nuisance noise that can bother nearby residents. He also stated that the studies he's seen indicate that they are only mildly effective for the first year, and then after that, not so much. He provided an example in Grundy County where rumble strips were installed, and shortly after there was a fatal crash at

the intersection. He added that they are difficult to install and maintain. Additionally, they can't really be put in effectively on tar and chip roads. In the case of Millington Road, there are multiple jurisdictions in multiple counties. He said that the Highway Department has opted for flashing lights and signs as opposed to rumble strips. Peterson stated that there used to be rumble strips on Millington Road south of Lions Road. Klaas added that Millington Road at that location used to be under the jurisdiction of DeKalb County.

Gengler noted that construction of the Quik Trip on Ridge Road in Minooka was progressing quickly. He asked if that whole intersection was going to change in regard to access. Klaas stated that Quik Trip only gets a right in / right out on Ridge Road, while Shell's access is grandfathered full access. Koukol thought that Shell was going to have difficulty accessing their site for trucks but reported that there was more room than he thought on the north side of the building. Trucks are able to go around the north side to the diesel pumps in the back of the station.

Gengler asked Fitzpatrick about the status of the engineering for Galena-Rock Creek intersection. He indicated that they were ready to start work and should be done in 6 months or less. Klaas thought that project might be able to go to a spring letting.

Gengler also asked if there was going to be any impacts to county highways with regard to the Route 47 reconstruction. Galena Road is the only county highway that intersects Route 47 north of Yorkville, and Klaas stated that the intersection was going to be huge – with something like 6 lanes on each leg of Route 47 and 4 lanes on each leg of Galena. Gengler noted that Caton Farm Road will also be impacted when IDOT does the section of Route 47 south of Yorkville.

Motion Shanley; second Koukol to forward Highway Department bills for the month of July in the amount of \$552,540.67 to the Finance Committee for approval. Motion to approve bills was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Motion Gengler; second Koukol to adjourn the meeting at 3:51 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Francis C. Klaas, P.E.  
Kendall County Engineer

### **Action Items**

1. Resolution authorizing the use of eminent domain to acquire certain parcels of land for roadway purposes along Ridge Road between Holt Road and Black Road in Kendall County, Illinois
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