

Ford County Highway Committee Minutes

The Ford County Highway Committee met on March 04, 2026 at the Ford County Highway Department in Roberts, Illinois.

Present at this regular scheduled meeting were Tim Nuss, Cindy Ihrke, Lesley King, and Kelsie Vaughn. County Engineer Alan Harwood and Deputy Sherriff David Kaeding were also present. Mr. Nuss called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

Mrs. King moved to accept the Agenda. Seconded by Mrs. Vaughn. Motion passed.

First on the agenda was the review of February 04, 2026 minutes. Mr. Nuss moved and Mrs. Vaughn seconded the motion that they be approved. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

- Howard Haley inquired about the Kempton Road Paving Project. Mr. Harwood stated that the design for the project was given to HLR. This particular project was selected by the state for Local State Project Funding. HMA Paving and ADA improvements through Kempton were on the scope of work. Greg Perkinson had committed to pave the road and fix drainage with county forces afterwards. Mona Cemetery would be available for any excess earth excavation.
- Howard Haley also made reference to the new County Highway Building proposed by Ron Hillgoss from last month. Past County Board Chairman Howard Hills insisted the building be centrally located in Roberts. Mr. Haley, being a board member at the time, agreed.
- Howard Haley inquired about a Bridge on Kempton Road about 1640 E. A beaver dam is present, and areas are starting to erode. Mr. Harwood said they will get out and look at it. IDNR will be contacted if needed.

February bills were read and presented by Mr. Harwood. Mr. Nuss moved and Mrs. Ihrke seconded the motion to send the bills to the full board. Motion passed.

The committee then reviewed the fund balance report and the highway appropriations and expenses report.

Old Business:

Mr. Harwood informed the committee of the activities at the County Highway Department during the month of February and will provide a written report for the full board.

Discussed the County Transportation Agreement. Mr. Nuss updated committee about the February 17th meeting.

Discussed the Portable Scales with one of the two quotes requested coming back under \$17,000.00. Class to train the officer will be May 18th – 23rd. Highway Department has offered to reimburse the Sherriff's Department the costs for training the officer.

New Business:

Mr. Harwood inquired about the driving policy in Ford County to take vehicles home. Additional information from insurance is being pursued. Mr. Harwood also informed the committee that additional concrete testing equipment will be needed in the future.

Resolutions:

Resolution Approving 2026 MFT Low Bids was discussed. Mrs. Ihrke moved and Mrs. King seconded the motion to send the Resolution to the full board. Motion passed.

Next Meeting will be **Wednesday April 8, 2026 at 7:00 a.m.**

Having no further items to discuss, Mrs. King moved to adjourn at 8:11 am. Seconded by Mrs. Ihrke. Motion passed.