



## Cole County Road and Bridge Advisory Committee

**November 20, 2025**

Cole County Fire Protection District Training and Administration Building  
5206 Monticello Rd.  
Jefferson City, MO 65109

### Meeting Minutes

**1. Call to order, roll call and determination of a quorum.**

- Don Hillis called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

**2. Introduction of members and attendees**

- Members: Harry Otto, Greg Bowman, Bruce Dawson, Jason Otke, James Wunderlich, Don Hillis, John Wheeler
- Staff: Eric Landwehr, Matt Prenger, Shannon Kliethermes, Sadie Wolken

**3. Adoption of agenda as printed or amended**

- Don Hillis motioned to approve the agenda. James Wunderlich seconded. Agenda approved.

**4. Approval of May 15, 2025 and August 14, 2025 meeting minutes**

- Bruce Dawson motioned to approve the minutes from the May and August meetings. Greg Bowman seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

**5. Reports**

- Project Status Update
  - Wildwood Drive Extension- New Road construction from Edgewood Drive to Rock Ridge Road. The Contractor is actively working on the project and is on schedule to be completed by the end of the year.
  - Rainbow Drive Sidewalk Construction (TAP)- Sidewalk construction along a portion of Rainbow Drive, from Hunters Run Road to Terra Bella Drive. Preliminary Plans have been approved by MoDOT. Currently out for bid. Bid opening is December 5, 2025.
  - Tanner Bridge Road Bridge Replacement- Replacement of the bridge over the Moreau River. Currently out for bid. Bid opening is scheduled for November 21, 2025.
  - Tanner Bridge Safety Improvements- Roadway realignment from Route B intersection before Moreau River. Currently out for bid. Bid opening is scheduled for November 21, 2025.

- City/County Cooperative Projects Update
  - Capital Area Rail Terminal (CART)- Complete
    - Eric Landwehr informed everyone that Capital hired someone to be their marketing manager. Could bring 300-400 cars a year. They are hauling salt this year.
  - Wildwood Dr. Extension- Nearly Complete
    - Eric Landwehr informed everyone there should be a ribbon cutting around Christmas.
  - Monroe Street Reconstruction- Complete
  - High Street Viaduct- Need additional funding
  - Stadium Corridor and West Edgewood- Is in the Design Phase. Construction is set to start in 2026.
- Stormwater Runoff Control Study ARPA Projects
  - Natchez Trace/Binder Lake Relief Channel- Construction is set to start in 2026.
  - Pioneer Trail/Brookview Drive Detention Basin- Construction possibly will start in 2027.
  - Westview/Bagnall Detention Basin- on hold until 2027 for design.
  - Don Hillis suggested we keep track of how much money is being spent on stormwater projects so everyone knows. Matt Prenger will look it up and have it for the next meeting.

## 6. Old Business

- Future ½ Cent sales Tax Discussion
  - Campaign Committee
    - Eric Landwehr informed everyone we have a Campaign Committee set up. The members will be Brad Bates, Sharon Naught, Logan Gratz, Clay Broughton and Mike Bates. Campaign starts in February at HBA meeting.
  - 10 Year Sunset Follow up
    - County Commission endorsed the sunset on August 26<sup>th</sup>.

## 7. New Business

- Future ½ Cent Sales Tax Discussion
  - Project Categories Funding Distribution
    - Eric Landwehr explained the table with all the expenditures for the projects. Eric said if we change them to percentages, we could try to hit our targets yearly and track what we are hitting based on percentages. Eric showed an example of what it would look like if we used percentages and explained there would hopefully be an increase in growth and not just a flat amount. Harry Otto mentioned the sales tax is 0.9% higher. Harry suggested we do a 10-year plan. Don Hillis said another option would be to not promise projects for 10 years but to do three or four years and then add a year every year. Matt Prenger mentioned it is like MoDOT's five-year STIP and they update it every year. They are generally low funds towards the last two years. Harry said we were smart in the past by not putting the name of the projects. Eric explained that we have projected 2% in the current sales tax cycle and are projecting that same amount this time. Don suggested the board give an endorsement of

the plan that was presented with understanding that it may adjust something an endorsement with some wiggle room. Bruce Dawson moved to endorse the plan as Don suggested. Jim Wunderlich seconded. The motion passed.

- Small Community Funding Distribution
  - Eric Landwehr explained how the funding was split in previous years. Eric does not think the flat amount is working anymore because some communities are bigger and need more funds than others. The current plan is \$2 ½ million that goes to the small communities. The proposed plan is \$4.925 million which is 6% of the road and bridge fund. It would have a guaranteed fund and then a corporate project fund. The guarantee fund would be done in five-year increments because 20 years could be messy. Eric said if we go with this plan the first five years would be \$1 million and the next five would be \$1.2 million. It would be split 50/50. Eric thinks the number is a bit high. Eric suggested the committee decide the split out of funds over the next year. Don suggested we should keep the process that works for the first five years and then revisit the process and distribution after the five years. Eric would like the board to endorse the preliminary plan for the funding distribution with understanding that we would need some modification as we get finalizing the plan. Greg Bowman made a motion to endorse our preliminary plan knowing that there is going to be adjustments made to it by the county commission. James Wunderlich seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- City/County Cooperative Projects List
  - Eric Landwehr explained the 3 different project lists Priority, Corridor Expansion, and other. Some of the projects are High Street Viaduct Replacement Project, W. Edgewood and Stadium Roundabouts, and Jackson Street Improvements plus Greenway Trail TAP (E. McCarty to Capitol).
- City/County Cooperative Projects Funding Amounts
  - Eric informed everyone what the current funding is. Eric then proposed new funding to the board. It would be a ten-year plan and each city/county would get \$13 million (\$26 million total). Eric said the commission would choose the amount.

## **8. Public Comment**

- None

## **9. 2026 Meeting Dates**

- February 19, 2026
  - Talk about gravel roads and elect chair.
- May 14, 2026
- August 20, 2026
- November 19, 2026

## **10. Adjournment**

- Don Hillis made a motion to adjourn. Greg Bowman seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 am.