# PRAIRIE DuLONG TOWNSHIP

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The regular monthly meeting of the highway commissioners of the State of Illinois, County of St. Clair, and Township of Prairie Du Long was held in the office of the town clerk at the Prairie Du Long Township Office Building on April 14, 2026 at 7:30 P.M.

Supervisor Mike Karban called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Mike Karban, Township Supervisor, presided over the meeting. Trustees John Kaiser, Tim Lubenkov, Douglas Hynes, Philip Lippert, Road Commissioner Gilbert Birkner and Township Clerk Dana Mehrmann were present.

Mr. Karban asked the Clerk to read the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. Karban asked for questions or comments regarding the minutes. Tim Lubenkov motioned to accept the minutes as read. John Kaiser seconded the motion. **Motion PASSED.**

Three (3) guests attended the meeting.

The bills against the Township were presented by the Supervisor, reviewed by the trustees and paid.

The bills against the Road District prepared by the Road Commissioner were presented by the Supervisor, discussed and paid.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

- Supervisor Karban got a bid from Moore on resealing the asphalt and restripe it. The quote came in at $2,100.00. John Kaiser made a motion to accept Moore's bid as read. Douglas Hynes seconded the motion. **MOTION Passed.**
- Srogus Construction submitted a bid for replacing the aluminum siding with vinyl, removal, J-Channel, etc. The price came in at $24,040.00 and if they were to remove and replace brown fascia and leave the existing soffit it would be an additional $2,453.00. Mike noted that when we submitted the claim for storm damage, the adjustment stated that the damage was 'rock damage' and not hail damage.
- Tax computation for EAV came in this year at 109,560,976.00 (up from last year's 102,284,104).
- We received the payment notice for the next truck payment due. We will be paying it via a bank draft.
- The General Assistance CD will be rolled over and renewed. The interest earned on the FY26 CD will be deposited into the fund most in need. John Kaiser made a motion to split the interest payment $2,220.23 between the Town Fund and the Building & Equipment Fund. Philip Lippert seconded the motion. **MOTION passed.** Corrected amount $2960.21 as of 4/27/2026

**HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

- Commissioner Birkner stated that we rented a mini excavator for the recent culvert work. It worked well but at this point he is not looking to purchase one. At this time Gilbert plans to rent one when needed and will continue to look into a new tractor.
- Mr. Lake has yet to get back to Gilbert about the wall in Wildwood.
- Cintas reached out about a new OSHA inspector in the area and provided a list of things to check. So far we purchased a new first aid kit, eye wash station, etc. Upcoming purchases will include fire extinguishers in every truck, straps for ladders, etc.
- Gilbert did look at the lip at Bur Oak and it doesn't seem as aggressive as it was after installed.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

- Clerk Mehrmann reported that the IMRF compliance review is still in process.

**OTHER REPORTS**

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**Under new business:**

- John Kaiser noted that the approximately 1600 votes for yes and 1700 votes for no in regards to the EMS referendum.

**Public Comment:**

- Doug noted that our website needs to be updated to be ADA Compliant and will requires some adjusting. There is a webinar on April 28 to review the regulations.
- Mr. Tullock asked if Wachtel Road is on the list to be oil and chipped this year. Gilbert stated the roads that look the darkest will be addressed first and would assume that Wachtel would be one of them.

There being no other business to be conducted a motion to adjourn was made by Douglas Hynes. Tim Lubenkov seconded the motion. **Motion PASSED.**

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Mehrmann, Township Clerk

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John Kaiser, Trustee

Tim Lubenkov, Trustee

Philip Lippert, Trustee

Douglas Hynes, Trustee