



SPECIAL REPORT FROM THE ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE: 7/5/2023

It has been 1 year and 25 days since Shelby County has had a County Engineer to look after the County Highways and the County infrastructure. The long wait now comes to an end. Pending some additional procedural steps laid out by statute and IDOT policy, Shelby County and the Highway Department will have an engineer on September 1st, 2023.

At the SPECIAL MEETING of the Road and Bridge Committee on 6.28.2023, the Committee interviewed Mr. Michael Tappendorf of Altamont, Illinois for the position of County Engineer. Mr. Tappendorf and the R/B Committee have reached terms on the substantive aspects of his employment agreement, which will be submitted to the State's Attorney for review and to the Full County Board for discussion and vote.

Mr. Tappendorf has been a Professional Engineer since 2016 and has been in the Civil Engineering field for over 10+ years designing and overseeing civil engineering projects with the engineering firm of Milano and Grunloh out of Effingham. His engineering work and experience have allowed him to work with many cities and municipalities and mayors and elected officials.

Mr. Tappendorf has expressed that he is excited to enter this new phase of his engineering career. The Committee is pleased to announce that Mr. Tappendorf has also expressed that he intends to make Shelby County the last move of his career. Longevity in the office of the County Engineer produces great value to the County and its citizens. Mr. Tappendorf's broad engineering experience in various civil projects and professional experience in working with public officials will serve the County well for many years to come.

Procedural / Statutory Steps to Complete

In July, the Full County Board will be asked to approve an IDOT resolution to send Mr. Tappendorf to IDOT for a County Engineer Exam. In August, and after the IDOT exam result is affirmed, then the Full Board would have an opportunity to vote to officially employ Mr. Tappendorf as County Engineer and approve his employment agreement with the County with a start date of 9.1.2023.

Sincerely,

Matthew Kessler
Chair of Road and Bridge Committee

Committee: Matt Kessler, Tim Brown, Clay Hardy, Mitchell Shuff, Brent Wallace