

**DECENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT- ROAD DISTRICT**

**TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT REPORT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DECENNIAL  
COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT  
(For Township Road Districts Only)**

I. MONEE TOWNSHIP

**NAME OF Road District: MONEE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT**

Note: Any local government that levies a tax, other than a municipality or county must file this report. For Road Districts in counties with populations of less than 400,000 the highway commissioner *may* form a joint committee to prepare one combined report. See 50 ILCS 70/10(b-5).

II. Information about our Road District

- A. We are located in WILL County. There are 24 townships in our county.
- B. The population of our Township is 15,549, as of the 2020 census.
- C. We have 8 employees of the Township (not including elected officials).
- D. We have 3 employees in our Road District (not including elected officials).
- E. Our Road District annual budget for 2023-24 is: \$2,077,172.00 for the Road & Bridge Fund and \$181,968.00 for the Equipment & Building Fund..
- F. Our Township’s equalized assessed valuation for 2023 is: \$377,196,772.

III. Information about Our Committee

A. Committee Members:

Township Supervisor:	Donna T. Dettbarn
Township Highway Commissioner:	David Deutsche
Township Clerk:	Bobby R. Lathan, Sr.
Township Administrator:	Willa Simmons
Township Trustee	Terri Boles
Township Trustee	Debbie Burgess
Township Trustee	William (Billy) Morgan

Township Trustee	James W. Young
Township Resident	Oscar Trevino
Township Resident	Thomas Boles
Township Resident	Bing Bisping

Note: Per 50 ILCS 70/10(b), the committee membership must include all the elected or appointed members of the township board (Supervisor and Trustees) and two residents appointed by the Supervisor. The residents can be the Assessor, Highway Commissioner, Clerk or Collector, if you have one, or other residents of the Township, but these officials are not required to be on this Committee. The Supervisor may appoint more than two residents if deemed appropriate.

B. Dates that our Committee Met (50 ILCS 70/20)

First (Organizational) Meeting  
(must occur prior to June 10, 2023): May 18, 2023

Second Meeting: June 15, 2023

Third Meeting: July 20, 2023

IV. Awards and Recognitions

Our Township Road District has received the following awards, distinctions, and recognitions:

Recognition for Community Parade Participation

V. Intergovernmental Agreements

A. We partner with, or have Intergovernmental Agreements, with the following other Governments :

Entity:	Services Offered:
1. Will County Dept. of Transportation	Agreement in case of strike
2. Will County Dept. of Transportation	Shared equipment agreement
3. Highway Commissioners Group	Agreement to share equipment
4. Monee Township Board service residents.	Mutual agreement to work together to
5. Surrounding Municipalities	Maintains agreements to service roads
6. Highway Commissioners Group group purchases.	Together they lower Road Salt prices with

B. Our Township's efficiency has increased through intergovernmental cooperation in the following way.

By sharing equipment and through purchasing agreements, we save money. By communicating with others it avoids duplicate service areas and avoids duplicate costs..

VI. Review of Laws, Township Policies, Township Rules and Procedures, Township Training Materials, and other Documents for Road District

We have reviewed the following, non-exhaustive list of laws, policies, training materials, and other documents applicable to the Township to evaluate our compliance and to determine if any of the foregoing should be amended.

State laws applicable to Townships, including, but not limited to the Township Code (60 ILCS)

Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120) ONLINE TRAINING

Policy on public comment

All of Elected Officials have completed OMA Training (5 ILCS 120/1.05(b))

Schedule of All Township Regular Meetings for Calendar or Fiscal Year (5 ILCS 120/2.03)

Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)

Designation of FOIA officer (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))

FOIA Officer Training (5 ILCS 140/3.5(b)) YEARLY ONLINE TRAINING AS REQUIRED.

Computation and Retention of FOIA Requests (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a)) CLERK

Posting Other Required FOIA Information (5 ILCS 140/4(a); 5 ILCS 140/4(b))

Periodic Meetings to Review Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2.06(d))

IMRF Total Compensation Postings (5 ILCS 120/7.3)

Designation of Whistleblower Auditing Official (50 ILCS 105/4.1)

Whistleblower Annual Policy review YEARLY AS REQUIRED

All of our Elected Officials have filed statement of economic interests (5 ILCS 420/4A-101; 5 ILCS 420/4A-101.5)

Sexual harassment prevention training (775 ILCS 5/2-109(c)) REQUIRED

Our Intergovernmental Agreements

Our budget and financial documents

State Ethics Laws, including, but not limited to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/1-1)

Reports on government efficiency, including “Local Government Efficiency and Size in Illinois: Counting Tax Revenues, Not Governments” by Wendell Cox (2016); “Local Democracy and Townships in the Chicagoland Area,” by Wendell Cox, (January 2012).

VII. What Have We Done Well?

Monee Township Road District is proud of the condition we keep our roads in. This is done thru continual maintenance as needed. In Winter, we keep our Township Roads open by snowplowing and salting which allows Township Residents to travel safely. As our bridges age, they are inspected by the State every two years and, if problems, are repaired. The Highway Commissioner does a great job of fiscal management as he keeps our Roads in good repair. The Road District is very responsive to resident’s concerns and questions, always getting back to them in a timely manner.

VIII. What Inefficiencies Did We Identify/What Are our Next Steps?

A recurring problem is the difficulty in hiring good employees. This is part of the times we live in now, post pandemic. This is identified as a problem, but not necessarily an inefficiency.

IX. What Can We Do Better or More Efficiently?

- a. Rejoin the County Bridge Program to help with costly bridge repairs. Due to heavy equipment and speed of these trucks, our bridges which were expected to last for 100 years are deteriorating at a faster pace. By joining this program, there are shared cost advantages.
- b. Work with State and Federal elected officials on obtaining grants to help with bridge costs.

X. Studies on Governmental Efficiencies

In preparing this report, we reviewed several studies on local government efficiency. These studies show that:

- The average local government in Illinois serves 1800 residents compared to the national median of 2850 individuals.
- Most townships in Illinois have no bonded indebtedness. Together with road districts they are an integral element of local democracy. Township expenditures have grown at a lower rate than those of any other level of government since 1992.
- Townships have lower labor costs and employ mostly part time employees.

XI. Our committee's recommendations regarding Increased Accountability and Efficiency:

To address concerns found in this report and continue to build on our strengths.

Note: This Report must be filed with your County no later than 18 months after your first committee meeting.

Submitted by: Donna T. Dettbarn, Supervisor  
Chair, Road District Decennial Efficiency Committee of Monee Township

Date: July 20, 2023