

**Minutes – Special Meeting-Tax Levy  
Robinson Township Highway Department  
November 21, 2013**

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
Crawford County  
Town of Robinson

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES met at the Robinson Township Office at 5:45 p.m. November 21, 2013. The following official business was transacted. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry McCoy. Clerk Vickie Gribben then called the roll.

PRESENT:	Larry McCoy	Township Supervisor
	Vickie Gribben	Township Clerk
	David Lachenmayr	Township Highway Commissioner
	Shirley Berry	Township Trustee
	Lori Hodge	Township Trustee
	Pat Richards	Township Trustee
	Greg Wolfe	Township Trustee
ABSENT:	Bob Manning	Township Assessor

The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

Persons from the public attending the meeting were as follows: Justin Childress, Shawn Langley, Becky Taylor, Janie Thackrey, Lacey Whipkey, Gary Wilson and Matthew Wilson.

Under Item 4, Unfinished Business: Proposed Tax Levy Ordinance 13-14 for Robinson Township Road District for the year 2013 collectible in 2014. Mr. McCoy introduced Justin Childress, county engineer, who was at the meeting at Dave Lachenmayr's request for the purpose of explaining why he encouraged the townships to ask for a high requested amount on the Road and Bridge levy. All taxing bodies have to turn in a requested amount and, sometime in April or the beginning of May, an Equalized Assessed Valuation amount is given and then the State of Illinois figures a multiplier which determines the actual dollar amount the Road and Bridge and Bridge fund will receive. He continued by stating that there is a maximum rate by statute which for Road and Bridge is .165 and for Bridge is .05. What that means is that for every \$100.00 paid in property taxes Road and Bridge would receive 16 and 1/2 cents. On the levy requested amount, the Highway Commissioner can request a large amount but will only get the Equalized Assessed Valuation times the State of Illinois multiplier. The maximum rate must be achieved because of the motor fuel tax money which will be prorated to what was requested. Also, if the maximum rate has not been achieved by the Road and Bridge, the county is not obligated to split the cost of culvert and other projects.

At this point, Gary Wilson, asked if Road and Bridge did not go over the 5 per cent requested levy amount, what the effect would be. Mr. Childress responded that the purpose of asking for a larger amount is to insure that Road and Bridge will achieve the maximum rate. To estimate what the maximum rate will be is a gamble and to request a certain dollar amount could result in not achieving it. It does not mean Road and Bridge will receive the dollar amount requested but will, he concluded, be high enough to get the county's participation in projects.

Matthew Wilson asked where the monies would be spent. Dave Lachenmayr answered for day to day operations.

Mr. Shawn Langley expressed concern about property taxes going up 10 per cent. Mr. Childress said that the 10 per cent is not the per cent property taxes will go up. It again is a request to insure that Road and Bridge stays at maximum rate and receives county participation in projects the township has.

The hearing ended at 6:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vickie Gribben  
Township Clerk

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Larry McCoy  
Township Supervisor