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**\*\*\* News Update \*\*\***

***“Illinois Jobs Now”***  
**Capital Construction/Economic Recovery Plan**

Governor Quinn signed yesterday the "Illinois Jobs Now" Capital Construction / Economic Recovery Plan into law, which totaled \$31 billion. This is the first capital construction bill out of Springfield in a decade. What does this mean for Tazewell County? Below is a listing of the projects we know are founded, but more money could be available in the way of grants we could apply for later. For a full listing of all projects, please visit [www.jobsnow.illinois.gov](http://www.jobsnow.illinois.gov).

One project on this list that I am really happy to see is the Route 8 funding. With this addition, all of Route 8 will be five lanes and upgraded within five years. As many of you know, Route 8 between Sunrise and Summit Drive is now under construction and will be completed next fall. Route 8 from Sunrise to Farmdale will be starting next Summer and will take two years and now with this funding Route 8 from Summit Drive to Business 24 will start in three years and will be completed two years later.

While this means constant road construction for five years for the residents in this area, as one resident who lives along Route 8 I can say it is long needed and will be wonderful to finally see. Add this to the Summit Road Extension project that gets started next year and this is a huge road infrastructure improvement for the East Peoria and Washington communities and I believe it will be the catalyst for business development along that stretch.

Both the City of East Peoria's and the City of Washington's community leaders need to be thanked for the continual support they have shown the Route 8 upgrade. As an Alderman for the City of Washington ten years ago, I know how much both communities have discussed and pushed for this project to happen and now that the light at the end of the tunnel can be seen, their efforts for over a decade plus need to be recognized.

As always, I consider it an honor and a privilege to represent you on the Tazewell County Board and if I can be of any assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to call.

City of Pekin Veterans Drive Southern Loop: \$30,000,000  
City of East Peoria Technology Boulevard Complex: \$26,000,000  
City of Washington Route 8 Upgrade from Summit Drive to Business 24: \$23,000,000  
East Peoria Camp Street Upgrade: \$1,820,370  
Armington Street Improvements: \$42,567  
Washington Township Infrastructure Improvements: \$20,000  
Morton Township Infrastructure Improvements: \$20,000  
Fondulac Township Infrastructure Improvements: \$20,000  
Deer Creek Township Infrastructure Improvements: \$20,000

Village of Deer Creek Infrastructure Improvements: \$55,000  
City of East Peoria Infrastructure Improvements: \$155,000  
City of Washington Infrastructure Improvements: \$130,000  
Village of Morton Infrastructure Improvements: \$130,000  
Tazewell County Infrastructure Improvements: \$20,000  
Tazewell County Coroner Capital Improvements: \$50,000  
Tazewell County Coroner Pekin Hospital Morgue Improvements: \$50,000  
Mackinaw Fire Protection District: \$50,000  
Little Mackinaw Fire Protection District: \$25,000  
Village of Hopedale Culvert Replacement: \$100,000  
City of Washington Five Points Center: \$500,000  
Pekin Township Infrastructure Improvements: \$50,000  
Groveland Township Infrastructure Improvements: \$50,000  
Village of South Pekin Infrastructure Improvements: \$25,000  
City Of Pekin Infrastructure Improvements: \$125,000  
Village of North Pekin Infrastructure Improvements: \$25,000  
Village of Creve Coeur Infrastructure Improvements: \$75,000  
Village of Marquette Heights Infrastructure Improvements: \$50,000  
Tazewell County House of Hope: \$25,000  
Peoria and Tazewell County I-74 Intelligent Transportations System (ITS): \$750,000

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