

MINUTES

HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, November 6, 2025
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Highway Dept., Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jake Hahn, Al Breu, Scott Brehm, Lee Thao, John Hokamp

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk, see attached sign-in sheet

1. Chairman Hahn called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. Under public comment, residents along CTH AA (Plank Hill) inquired about the status of the bridge and how they do not see updates. Hawk reviewed the timeline and funding mechanisms in play to try and get that road open in 2026 or 2027.
3. The minutes of the October 2, 2025, meeting were presented. Motion by Breu/Brehm to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. The Highway Dept. staff reports were highlighted and reviewed.
5. The Highway revenue report was reviewed.
6. Motion by Thao/Hokamp to approve the Highway Dept. vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Chairman Hahn reviewed the budget changes to the Highway Dept. 2026 budget, to date. It was noted that one of the patrol trucks requested under levied CIP was removed, however Chairman Hahn suggested that if we do order the truck that was removed, it may be possible to take delivery in 2027, or if we must take delivery in 2026, perhaps it could be paid for by short term financing for the little bit of time in 2026 until it could be paid off in 2027. Highway Commissioner Hawk will review the possibilities. Motion by Hahn/Breu to direct the highway commissioner to obtain 2 trucks in 2026 if payment on one coming can be done in 2027. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Committee reviewed the status of the 2026 cost of living adjustment.
9. The committee reviewed the 2026-2030 CIP. Hawk reviewed the adjustments made and grant funding mechanisms that are currently fluid. He recommends moving a portion of CTH HH project to a 2027 construction and using that funding to complete CTH AA in 2026. Motion by Brehm/Breu to approve the change as described above. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Hawk reported that the CTH N bridge project has started but because of the late timing, the approaches to the bridge will remain unpaved through the winter.
11. The mastic and crack filler quotes are due in a week. Hawk is requesting the committee to accept the quotes deemed most advantageous to the county. He will report back the actual numbers at the next meeting. Motion by Breu/Thao to allow the highway commissioner to review the quotes and accept those deemed most advantageous to the county. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Hawk reviewed the funding proposal for the land at the intersection of CTH B & BB whereby the owner would donate the land to the Community Foundation and the Highway Dept. would then file an offer to purchase with that entity. Motion by Brehm/Breu to allow the Highway Commissioner to draft an offer to purchase for said property, pending Corporation Counsel review. Motion carried unanimously.
13. There is a resident on CTH A that put a concrete paver driveway in the road right-of-way that goes against the ordinance and without a permit. A letter was sent to the landowner with no response, as well as a registered letter, that was refused. This type of driveway can cause significant damage to plow trucks and wings during winter snow removal. Motion by Breu/Thao to authorize Hawk, working with Corp Counsel, to have served a letter to the landowner giving him until December 15, 2025 to remove the block, or a fine will be assessed. Motion carried unanimously.
14. The Parks & Forestry staff reports were reviewed.
15. Parks & Forestry Director Schooley presented 3 special use permits for approval:
 - a. Pittsville Lions Club Fisheree at Dexter Shelter House with a fee waiver
 - b. South Wood County Humane Society Fundraiser at South Park
 - c. Wisconsin Interscholastic Cycling League Youth Mountain Bike Festival at Powers BluffMotion by Hokamp/Breu to approve the special use permits as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
16. The final draft Open Spaces Plan is complete. A resolution to the county board approving the finalized document will be presented at the December meeting. The county board will be provided a link to the document within their county board packet.
17. The Wood County Wildlife Advisory Committee minutes were reviewed.
18. The Parks & Forestry revenue reports were reviewed.
19. Motion by Thao/Hokamp to approve Parks & Forestry vouchers. Motion approved unanimously.
20. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 4th, at 9:00 AM at the Highway Department Conference Room. The January meeting will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 9:00 AM.
21. Chairman Hahn declared the meeting adjourned at 10:41AM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

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