

MINUTES

HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, July 8, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Highway Dept., Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jake Hahn, Al Breu (WebEx), Wayne Schulz, Jeff Penzkover, Lee Thao

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

1. Chairman Hahn called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. There was no public comment
3. The minutes of the June 4, 2026, meeting were presented. Motion by Thao/Breu to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. The Highway Dept. staff reports were reviewed.
5. The Highway revenue report was reviewed.
6. Motion by Hahn/Schulz to approve the Highway Dept. vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Highway Commissioner Hawk discussed how it is important to keep CTH A pavement that is currently in place in as good of condition as possible as the rebuilding of this road will likely take multiple years to complete. One item for the committee to consider it to get some of the heavy truck traffic back onto STH 80 by putting a Class B restriction on CTH A. This would allow for local trucks that have business down that road to still be able to deliver to those entities/farm. Motion by Schulz/Hahn to approve the Class B restriction on CTH A from USH 10 to STH 73, effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.
8. Hawk received a request from the DNR and Jackson County to do a large culvert replacement on a town road in Jackson County. All expenses would be paid for by the county and municipality in which this culvert lies. It will also be used as training for Jackson County in hopes they would be able to do culvert projects such as this in the future. Motion by Breu/Penzkover to approve the request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
9. The Parks & Forestry staff reports were reviewed.
10. Parks & Forestry Director Schooley presented two special use permits to be reviewed by the committee.
 - Mountain Bike Demo by the Sports Den in Marshfield at Powers Bluff
 - South Wood County Humane Society Fundraiser at South ParkMotion by Schulz/Thao to approve the special use permits as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Schooley provided a copy of the 2025 Annual Report, which will be presented at the next county board meeting.
12. The discussion of E-Bikes in county parks and on trails was discussed. The safety of other park users was a concern, especially with certain classes of the bikes. The committee discussed multiple scenarios and actions that could be taken. The current ordinance does not allow for motor vehicles on any trails, and some E-bikes can be considered as a motor vehicle. The existing ordinance will be used for education and enforcement for the time being.
13. Forest Administrator Schubert noted that 3 positions on the Wood County Wildlife Area Advisory Committee have come due and that the three incumbents wish to remain for another term. Motion by Hahn/Penzkover to recommend to the County Board Chair that Larry Isensee, Curt Pluke, and Dale Weis be renominated for the open positions. Motion carried unanimously.
14. The Parks & Forestry revenue reports were reviewed. Motion by Schulz/Penzkover to approve the revenue reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
15. Motion by Breu/Thao to approve Parks & Forestry vouchers. Motion approved unanimously.
16. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 9:00 AM.
17. Motion by Thao/Schulz to go into closed session pursuant to Wis Stats 19.85(1)(f) to review a personal leave of absence request for Highway Dept. employee. Motion carried unanimously.
18. Motion by Thao/Schulz to move back into open session. Motion carried unanimously.
19. Chairman Hahn declared the meeting adjourned at 10:11 AM.

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

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