

# **MINUTES**

## **HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 8, 2026  
**TIME:** 9:00 AM  
**PLACE:** Highway Dept., Conference Room

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jake Hahn, Al Breu (WebEx), 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 9:00 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. There was no public comment.
3. The minutes of the December 4, 2025, meeting were presented. Motion by Thao/Breu 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 Hokamp/Thao to approve the Highway Dept. vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Highway Commissioner Hawk highlighted the active winter weather season so far as it relates to the budget.
8. Hawk presented two resolutions for out of state travel. One request is to attend the National Association of County Engineers in Arlington, TX. The other is to attend the Transportation Development Association Fly-In in Washington, DC. Motion by Hokamp/Breu to approve the two resolutions and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Accounting Supervisor Peckham reviewed the history of the administrative fee being applied to invoices and the deficit that it had eliminated. At the time of inception, it was voted to let the Highway Committee (or its successor) decide what to do once the deficit was eliminated. Motion by Hokamp/Thao to continue the administrative fee, and to include it on road and bridge aid invoices, and to review again after a year. Motion carried unanimously.
10. The Parks & Forestry staff reports were reviewed.
11. Parks & Forestry Director Schooley presented 2 special use permits for approval:
  - a. Ice Races at Dexter County Park
  - b. Aqua Skiers practice and tournament schedule for beach closures at South ParkMotion by Thao/Hokamp to approve the special use permits as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Parks & Forestry Director Schooley presented the 2026 Work Plan resolution for the Wood County Forest. This enables application for grant funding. Motion by Thao/Hokamp to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
13. The Wood County Wildlife Advisory Committee have reviewed their current rules of order and have determined that they should be amended to better reflect the needs of the committee. This is done via resolution, which was presented. Motion by Brehm/Breu to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
14. The Parks & Forestry revenue reports were reviewed.
15. Motion by Thao/Hokamp to approve Parks & Forestry vouchers. Motion approved unanimously.
16. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM at the Highway Department Conference Room.
17. Chairman Hahn declared the meeting adjourned at 9:24 AM.

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

## Highway Infrastructure &amp; Recreation Committee

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