

MINUTES

HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, August 6, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Highway Dept., Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jake Hahn, Al Breu, Wayne Schulz(WebEx), 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 July 8, 2026, meeting were presented. Motion by Breu/Thao to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. The Highway Dept. staff reports were reviewed and discussed.
5. The Highway revenue report was reviewed.
6. Motion by Thao/Breu to approve the Highway Dept. vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Highway Commissioner Hawk noted that, so far, the 2027 Highway CIP has remained intact.
8. Because of the numerous accidents occurring recently along CTH M, Hawk is requesting to hire a firm to design intersection improvements at CTH Y and CTH H. The committee directed Hawk to hold a public informational hearing prior to any design in garner input and support. Hawk intends to do these intersections at the same time the road is scheduled to be re-paved, which is in 2028.
9. Hawk reported that he would like to have a policy that would increase the pricing of small batch blacktop mixes. When the Highway Dept. does a small batch mix of asphalt, the cost increases exponentially and currently, with no policy, they are not able to recoup their additional cost. Motion by Breu/Penzkover to direct the Highway Commissioner to draft a policy and bring back to the committee for final approval. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Highway Superintendent Kunding presented a power point presentation highlighting the spray method of weed control in the ditches. There was a complaint of overspray killing some soybeans in the Town of Wood, however, looking at the scenario of when it was sprayed and the pattern left, it is questionable whether or not the spray caused the issue. Questions and answers followed.
11. Accounting Supervisor Peckham reviewed the 2027 proposed Highway Dept. budget. It will be finalized over the next month and brought for committee approval in September.
12. The Parks & Forestry staff reports were reviewed.

13. Parks & Forestry Director Schooley presented two special use permits to be reviewed by the committee.

- First Choice Pregnancy Resource Center – South Park shelter and trail.

Motion by Penzkover/Thao to approve the special use permits as presented. Motion carried unanimously

14. The discussion of E-Bikes in county parks and on trails was discussed. The committee reviewed possible documentation provided by Schooley and noted that as currently written, our current ordinance is enforceable as it according to the Wood County Sheriff's Dept.

15. The speaker on the agenda item concerning controlled burning on the county forest was not able to attend this month. They will be rescheduled when they are able to attend.

16. Forest Administrator Schubert reviewed the contract extensions for jobs #780, #800, & #801 were reviewed and discussed. Motion by Thao/Breu to approve all contract extensions

17. without an increase in stumpage. Motion carried unanimously.

18. The Parks & Forestry revenue reports were reviewed.

19. Motion by Thao/Breu to approve Parks & Forestry vouchers. Motion approved unanimously.

20. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 9:00 AM.

21. 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.

22. Motion by Thao/Schulz to move back into open session. Motion carried unanimously.

23. Chairman Hahn declared the meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

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

