MINUTES
HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, November 5, 2026
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Highway Dept., Conference Room

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Rachel Krause, Highway Program Assistant, see attached sign-in sheet

1. Chairman Hahn called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and declared a quorum present.

2. Public Comment – none.

3. The minutes of the October 1, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Breu/Thao to accept them as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

4. 2027 Budget update. Hahn would like to see COLA of 2% to begin on January 1 rather than July 1. Discussion on employee retention. Increasing COLA on January 1 must meet the current budget, and cuts would have to be made somewhere else.

5. Highway Staff reports were reviewed. Truck Operator hired will start November 30th. Loader Operator resigned, position posted and closes on Monday November 9th. Update on the CTH U project update was provided. CTH AA project updated was provided.

6. Highway revenue report was reviewed.

7. Motion to approve Highway vouchers by Thao/Breu. Motion carried unanimously.

8. A proposed $10 disposal fee would be assessed for any material disposed of at Smith Pit outlined in the policy. Motion to approve a $10 disposal fee for Smith Pit by Breu/Penzkover. Motion passes unanimously.

9. Smith Pit Parcel access. Highway staff propose an easement that would allow access to the property that currently does not have access and would allow public access to the Smith Pit property. Landowner is changing his request to ask for 62’ x 620’ (about 1 acre) with an easement for the Highway Department. Corporation Counsel will be consulted, and this will be brought back to next month’s meeting.

10. Proposed changes to the intersections of CTH M & CTH H and CTH M & CTH Y. A public meeting was held. Those in attendance were in favor of roundabouts at both intersections. Budgets for each project were presented. The HIRC was asked for approval to revise the 2028 CIP to include these intersection projects. Motion by Penzkover/Breu to approve adding these intersections to the 2028 CIP. Motion unanimously.

11. Pliml provided on update on STH 54 project.

12. Parks and Forestry staff reports were reviewed.

13. Special Use Permits – none

14. Parks & Forestry revenue reports were reviewed. Forestry met their budget.

15. Motion to approve Parks & Forestry vouchers by Hahn/Schultz. Motion carried unanimously.

16. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Highway Department Conference Room.

17. Chairman Hahn declared the meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

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

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NAME	REPRESENTING
DENNIS POLACH	WCB-14
Dan Matthews	Lyon creek bridge AA
CHAD SCHOOLEY	P9F
Pete Winistorfer	Personal
BRANDON DAMMANN	WCHD
JOHN PECKHAM	HIGHWAY
LANCE PLUMB	WCB
via Web Ex	
Bill Clendenning	County Board Dist 15
Darrin Steinbach	Finance