

MINUTES

HIGHWAY, INFRASTRUCTURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, October 1, 2026
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Highway Dept., Conference Room

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

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

1. Chairman Hahn called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. Under public comment, a resident inquired about the CTH AA bridge replacement timeline.
3. The minutes of the August 6, and September 3, 2026, meetings were presented. Motion by Breu/Thao to approve them as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Pete Winistorfer, a land owner adjacent to the Smith Pit, requested to possibly purchase a piece of land in order to allow him access to a land locked parcel on the north side of the pit, off of Cary Rock Rd. After discussion by the committee, the committee requested he and Highway Commissioner Hawk, and Corp Counsel Flanagan meet and come up with a mutually agreed upon solution and bring back to the committee for approval.
5. The Highway Dept. staff reports were reviewed and discussed.
6. The Highway revenue report was reviewed.
7. Motion by Thao/Penzkover to approve the Highway Dept. vouchers. Motion carried unanimously.
8. The Wisconsin County Highway Association North Central region legislative breakfast is upcoming on October 23. Hahn and Schulz will attend.
9. Hawk reviewed a proposed policy whereby any highway department truck will only be allowed to carry what it is legally allowed to carry. Many times drivers will overload salt in order for it to last longer which is hard on the equipment and has liability issues associated with it. Motion by Breu/Schulz to approve the policy as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Hawk discussed the process whereby waste material that is created on a job site is many times brought back to the Smith Pit, and with as much that comes back, it is up to Highway Dept. to move it around when it becomes a large pile. His recommendation is to charge a small, per load, cost for any load being brought back. Motion by Schulz/Breu to direct the Highway Commissioner to draft a policy, to charge \$10.00/load on any junk material being brought into Smith Pitt. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Hawk presented a resolution that is acted on every 10 years that reclasses any CTH in the system. Right now, the only one that is projected to be changed is CTH H on the north end of the county.

Motion by Breu/Thao to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Hawk presented another resolution that just the committee would act on. It has to do with Crash Responder safety week. Motion by Hahn/Schulz to approve this resolution. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Hawk reported that CTH U will be finishing up soon, if not by the end of the year, shortly thereafter. He will be presenting a resolution to the county in order to jurisdictional transfer that road to the respective towns. He will bring this back next month.
14. Chairman Hahn announced that Commissioner Hawk will be retiring on May 13, 2027, and thanked him for his service to Wood County.
15. The Parks & Forestry staff reports were reviewed. Supervisor Schulz presented a proposal whereby improving the handicap accessible campsite at North Wood County Park in memory of his daughter Bethany. He and Schooley will go over the plans.
16. The Parks & Forestry revenue reports were reviewed.
17. Motion by Breu/Penzkover to approve Parks & Forestry vouchers. Motion approved unanimously.
18. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 9:00 AM.
19. Chairman Hahn declared the meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM.

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

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