

MARQUETTE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE
Highway Department Office Building
Virtual and In-Person Meeting
January 20th, 2026 – Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 9:00 a.m. by Mike Raddatz.

Members of the committee present: Present: Mike Raddatz, Dave Benson, John Bennett, Kathy Jo Locke and Lance Achterberg. Other county officials present Brian Trebiatowski, Brenda Petersen and Ron Barger.

Review/Approve the Agenda: Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Dave Benson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Review/Approve the minutes from the previous meeting: Moved by Dave Benson and seconded by Kathy Jo Locke to approve the minutes from the November 18th, 2025, meeting. Motion carried.

Citizens Input: None

Township Questions/Comments/Concerns: Mike Raddatz reported that the Town Hall in Mecan had not been getting plowed.

Financial Reports:

State Financial Report Review: RMA costs for December totaled \$150,874.05 with most of the costs towards winter maintenance and roadside vegetation. RMA spent in 2025 totaled \$1,102,156. DMA's spent in 2025 totaled \$1,127,872.07. TMA totaled \$11,838.

County Report Review: Costs for December 2025 were \$238,974 with \$21,247 in County Maintenance of which most of the costs were training and signing. Winter maintenance costs were \$208,400. Special County Maintenance costs were \$2,297. Bridge Maintenance costs were \$1,360. Road Construction costs were \$9,327 and Overlay Maintenance costs were \$0. Budget remaining for 2025 is (\$285,583.99). Multiple reimbursements were received from the State during the year, once year end accounting is completed a Fund 29 transfer if needed will cover the overage for the year for the Highway department.

Town Report Review: Townships had a total of \$185,293.15 in work in December with \$49,965 being labor costs. Villages and City had \$5,006 in work with \$263 in labor costs. The current year labor comparison vs the 5-year average is up .30%. Compared to last year, labor is down .85%. When looking at seasonal work, construction is up .12% and the Winter Maintenance is up .57% compared to the previous 5-year average. Total work done in 2025 for Townships totaled \$1,935,083 with \$527,620 being labor costs.

Interdepartmental Report Review: Brian reported that we sold 4,687 gallons of fuel to other departments in December. The average costs for December are \$2.5442 for unleaded and \$2.9820 for diesel, which includes the state tax of .309 per gallon. Total gallons sold in 2025 were 55,924 gallons. The average price for the year is \$2.7355 for unleaded and \$2.8072 for diesel. Brian also reported that we purchased 129,769 gallons year to date and we have sold 43.09% to other departments.

Labor Percentage by Job Type Report: Brian reported as of the End of Year 2025- County work is 57.80%, State is 22.95%, Townships are 18.33% and Interdepartmental is .92%. Brian reminded the committee that only 2% of the department's labor comes out of the levied County budget. The remaining percentage is encompassed in the Highway Operational Fund.

Percentage of GTA met for 2025- For end of year 2025 all townships met 20%.

WCA Sustainable Funding Initiative and Resolution: Brian presented a resolution from the Wisconsin Counties Association that comes from a statewide initiative to persuade legislatures to offer more sustainable funding with less strings attached for local levels of government. Increases to general transportation aids would be the most widespread and impactful to local government instead of new funding programs with certain criteria needed to be met to qualify. Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Lance Achterberg to approve the resolution and to forward to the Marquette County Board of Supervisors in February 2026. Motion carried. Resolution attached to the minutes.

State Project Review and Update:

Salt Dome Replacement Update- Brian reported project is finally complete, after seeing delays for overhead doors and associated electrical work. Working through reimbursement with WI DOT.

County Project Review and Update:

Richards Pit Update: Line power transition was completed late December. Crew will begin working on maintenance items as weather allows. All material for 2026 production is on site and ready, will need to supplement for 2027 production with some aggregate to properly balance sand piles.

CTH E – STP Rural Project: Brian and design staff are currently working through right of way needs with a landowner. Project is scheduled for the March 10th state letting, project schedule to be determined by awarded contractor.

Local Bridge Projects: County Highway O application has been completed and submitted to the DOT for the 2026-2030 cycle. No word on project reward yet.

ARIP Program Cycle: Brian completed 2 applications for ARIP. First one is County Road A from State Highway 23 to County Road D including County Road P from County Road A to Adams Line. Second was for Town of Mecan for the Eagle Road 6-20 structure that was closed in October. Award announcements are anticipated in April.

Town Project Review and Update:

6-20 Structures: The WTA selected consultant completed inspections in late October. Four structures were found to be in critical condition. One in Mecan- Eagle Road was closed, one in Newton on Duck Creek Lane was initially posted at 5 ton but eventually closed, another in Newton on Dakota Ave is posted 5-ton weight limit and Crystal Lake on Duck Creek Ave has 20-ton weight limit. Remaining structures are eligible for replacement via ARIP program. Second round of applications will be open in Summer of 2026.

Inter-Departmental Operations:

Brian stated the department is working with Buildings and Grounds for carpet replacement estimates for the Highway office. Also, for a facility assessment of the Westfield Shop including insulation, floor drain, concrete repairs and potential fuel system upgrades. There are several items that should be addressed in future capital planning.

Equipment/ Property Purchase and Disposal Update:

Truck #009 did not meet reserve at first auction, will list again on an upcoming WI Surplus auction. Two quads ordered in 2024 are still delayed at the truck upfitter, new completion timeline is April/May 2026.

Personnel and Staffing Update:

Current vacancies: Full staff as of early December.

CESA Apprenticeship: The Highway Department currently has 3 CESA apprentices working half days, they are in school the other half of the day. They have been assisting with welding, maintenance items, and limited equipment work.

WCHA Updates/: Upcoming Events/Issues/Correspondence:

Brian attended the WCHA winter conference in La Crosse. It was very well reported and stressed again the need to support the WCA/WCHA initiative for simplified funding and sustainable increases to General Transportation Aids.

Voucher Inquiries: None

Adjourn: Mike Raddatz declared the meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted-
Brenda Petersen, Highway Accountant
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