

MARQUETTE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE
Highway Department Office Building
Virtual and In-Person Meeting
February 17th, 2026 – Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 9:00 a.m. by Dave Benson.

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

Review/Approve the Agenda: Moved by Kathy Jo Locke and seconded by John Bennett to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Review/Approve the minutes from the previous meeting: Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Lance Achterberg to approve the minutes from the January 20th, 2026, meeting. Motion carried.

Township Questions/Comments/Concerns: None

Citizens Input: Donald Bittelman- CTH E Westfield. Donald addressed the Committee regarding the cattle pass on CTH E. Discussion followed. Upon conclusion Donald was asked if he was willing to fund the replacement of the cattle pass. Donald declined the opportunity to fund the cattlepass.

Financial Reports:

State Financial Report Review: RMA costs for January totaled \$144,571 with most of the costs towards winter maintenance and roadside vegetation. 14.59% of total budget spent.

County Report Review: Costs for January 2026 were \$124,544 with \$20,056 in County Maintenance of which most of the costs were patching and brushing. Winter maintenance costs were \$96,468. Road Construction costs were \$8,020. Budget remaining for 2026 is \$2,920,456.

Town Report Review: Townships had a total of \$174,476 in work in January with \$80,143 being labor costs. Villages and City had \$13,527 in work with \$376 in labor costs. The current year labor comparison vs the 5-year average is up 16.62%. Compared to last year, labor is up 11.9%. When looking at seasonal work, construction is up 62.08% and the Winter Maintenance is down 47.52% compared to the previous 5-year average.

Interdepartmental Report Review: Brian reported that we sold 4,852 gallons of fuel to other departments in January. The average costs for January are \$2.5367 for unleaded and \$3.0016 for diesel, which includes the state tax of .309 per gallon. Total gallons sold in 2025 were 55,924 gallons.

Labor Percentage by Job Type Report: Brian reported January Labor Percentages- County work is 43.65%, State is 26.11%, Townships are 30.10% and Interdepartmental is .14%. Brian reminded the committee that only 14.93% 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 2026- The Town of Douglas has met the 20% requirement. A few other townships are very close.

State Project Review and Update: I-39 project was awarded to the contractor, no schedule has been released as of the time of the meeting.

Salt Dome Replacement Update- Brian reported the department is still working with DOT for reimbursement. Awaiting approval of amended invoice. The asphalt overage will be covered by the department.

County Project Review and Update:

Richards Pit Update: Brian stated the crew is taking advantage of the weather and performing seasonal maintenance.

CTH E – STP Rural Project: Project is scheduled for letting on March 10th. Bidding documents are available on the DOT project site. It will be a 45-day working project.

Local Bridge Projects: Town of Montello is working to set up a meeting with DOT, UP and OCR regarding the bridge on 14th. No update from Columbia County meetings regarding their RxR projects. No word on project award from the recent project solicitation, past awards were released in April.

ARIP Program Cycle: Award announcements in April.

Town Project Review and Update:

6-20 Structures: New program was released this month after a significant number of critical structures were found throughout the state last year. Program qualifications similar to a combination of LRIP and the Bridge program. Reimbursement program that will fund between 50-90% of replacement or rehab costs. Limited to structures rated 4 or below for the first round. Mecan- 1, Newton- 2, Crystal Lake- 2 and County- 4.

Inter-Departmental Operations:

No updates.

Equipment/ Property Purchase and Disposal Update:

New quad axle chassis have arrived at the dealer; will stay there until April/May and then come here for radio installation before going to the truck builder for completion. Chassis expense is 2026.

Personnel and Staffing Update:

Current vacancies: Currently at full staff.

CESA Apprenticeship: Currently completing the second round of evaluations with CESA apprentices.

WCHA Updates/: Upcoming Events/Issues/Correspondence:

Brian will be attending the regional meeting in Wausau tomorrow and will attend Level of Service Committee meeting virtually next week.

Voucher Inquiries: A few questions from the committee which were answered.

Adjourn: Dave Benson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted-
Brenda Petersen, Highway Accountant
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