

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

Call to order: at 9:03 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: Brian would like to add an LFA project approval to State Project Review 8/a/ii. Moved by Lance Achterberg and seconded by Dave Benson to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Review/Approve the minutes from the previous meeting: Moved by Kathy Jo Locke and seconded by Dave Benson to approve the minutes from the February 17th, 2026, meeting. Motion carried.

Township Questions/Comments/Concerns: None

Citizens Input: None

Material Bid Tally Discussion and Possible Action: Brian reviewed the material bids with the Committee. Brian reported LRIP project will be awarded to sole bidder, WK Construction in the amount of \$326,725. Moved by Lance Achterberg to accept the material bids and utilize the bidder most advantageous to the county at the time of need based on availability and price, seconded by Kathy Jo Locke. Motion carried.

Financial Reports:

State Financial Report Review: RMA costs for February totaled \$93,510.05 with most of the costs towards winter maintenance and roadside vegetation. 24.03% of total budget spent.

County Report Review: Costs for February 2026 were \$151,423 with \$71,841 in County Maintenance of which most of the costs were patching, brushing and training. Winter maintenance costs were \$79,582. \ Budget remaining for 2026 is \$2,769,033.

Town Report Review: Townships had a total of \$157,458 in work in February with \$65,944 being labor costs. Villages and City had \$1,851 in work with \$52 in labor costs. The current year labor comparison vs the 5-year average is up 22.12%. Compared to last year, labor is up 4.35%. When looking at seasonal work, construction is up 74.25% and the Winter Maintenance is down 30.24% compared to the previous 5-year average.

Interdepartmental Report Review: Brian reported that we sold 4,217 gallons of fuel to other departments in February. The average costs for February are \$2.5673 for unleaded and \$3.1299 for diesel, which includes the state tax of .309 per gallon. Total gallons sold in 2026 to date are 9,068 gallons.

Labor Percentage by Job Type Report: Brian reported 2026 Year to Date Labor Percentages- County work is 48.00%, State is 23.05%, Townships are 28.86% and Interdepartmental is .09%. Brian reminded the committee that only 20.42% 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 Towns of Douglas, Moundville, Packwaukee and Springfield have met the 20% requirement.

State Project Review and Update: I-39 project anticipated to begin early May.

Salt Dome Replacement Update- Brian reported the DOT did approve the amended RMA invoice but still waiting on the amended DMA approval and payment.

DMA Approval for DOT Bridge Work- Brian is requesting approval of a DMA project for bridge work in the amount of \$35,000 and approval of an LFA project for paving on STH 82 in the amount of \$115,000 once Brian receives the contract for approval. Moved by Dave Benson to approve both state projects, seconded by John Bennett. Motion carried.

County Project Review and Update:

CTH E – STP Rural Project: DL Gasser was low bidder at state letting last week at \$2,322,324.15. Project expected to begin in mid to late August. NEA bid was \$2,521,674.88 and Tri County Paving bid was \$2,629,970.55.

Local Bridge Projects: Town of Montello has a meeting scheduled with DOT regarding the bridge on 14th on May 12th. Project awards for last fall's new cycle will be in April.

Town Project Review and Update:

6-20 Structures: New local small structure program accepting applications until May, ARIP awards anticipated in April.

Inter-Departmental Operations: Worked with Buildings and Grounds to replace carpet and light upgrades in the office. The department assisted with larger equipment for snow removal.

Equipment/ Property Purchase and Disposal Update: Truck #009 was listed last year but did not meet reserve. Will be listed with another auction company.

Personnel and Staffing Update:

Current vacancies: Currently at full staff since December.

CESA Apprenticeship: Brian reported the LTE apprentices are working well, they are on part time weeks to have them available in the summer months. They are limited to 1200 hours over a rolling 12-month timeframe.

WCHA Updates/: Upcoming Events/Issues/Correspondence:

Brian will be attending the Spring Commissioner Training in Green Lake County March 31st and April 1st.

Brian will be out the week of March 23rd. April meeting may be cancelled if there are no action items. Brian thanked Dave Benson and Kathy Jo Locke for their contributions to the committee.

Voucher Inquiries: None

Adjourn: Mike Raddatz declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted-
Brenda Petersen, Highway Accountant
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