

MARQUETTE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Highway Department Office Building

Virtual and In-Person Meeting

August 19th, 2025 – Meeting Minutes

Call to order: 8:00 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, Ron Barger and Brenda Petersen.

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 Lance Achterberg to approve the minutes from the June 17th, 2025, meeting. Motion carried.

Citizens Input: John Bennett on behalf of Fair Board thanked the Highway Department for help prior to and during Marquette County Fair.

Township Questions/Comments/Concerns: None

Financial Reports:

State Financial Report Review:

RMA costs for July totaled \$56,831 with most of the costs towards mowing and patrol supervision. The remaining budget for 2025 is \$115,478. The county has used 87.39% of the 2025 budget for the state.

County Report Review:

Costs for July 2025 were \$1,007,875 with \$247,626 in County Maintenance of which most of the costs were sealcoating, shouldering and drainage. Winter maintenance costs were \$553. Special County Maintenance costs were \$2,794. Road Construction costs were \$0 and Overlay Maintenance costs were \$756,903. Budget remaining for 2025 is \$671,081.

Town Report Review:

Townships had a total of \$119,668 in work in July with \$38,960 being labor costs. Villages and City had \$2,328 in work with \$354 in labor costs. The current year labor comparison vs the 5-year average is down 2.72%. Compared to last year, labor is up .07%. When looking at seasonal work, construction is down 2.82% and the Winter Maintenance is down 19.03% compared to the previous 5-year average.

Interdepartmental Report Review:

Brian reported that we sold 5,431 gallons of fuel to other departments in July. The average costs for July are \$2.5828 for unleaded and \$2.6574 for diesel which includes the state tax of .309 per gallon. Total gallons sold so far in 2025 are 32,748 gallons. The average price for the year is \$2.7887 for unleaded and \$2.8015 for diesel.

Labor Percentage by Job Type Report:

Brian reported as of the end of July 2025- County work is 60.64%, State is 22.09%, Townships are 16.63% and Interdepartmental is .64%. Brian reminded the committee that only 32.11% of the department's labor comes out of the County budget. The remaining percentage is encompassed in the Highway Operational Fund.

Percentage of GTA met for 2024- In July 2025 the Town of Harris, Town of Crystal Lake, Town of Moundville, Town of Neshkoro, Town of Shields and the Town of Packwaukee have already met 20%.

2026 Highway Department Budget:

Brian presented his 2026 Highway Department Budget to the Committee. Moved by Lance Achterberg and seconded by John Bennett to move the 2026 Highway Department Budget to Executive and Finance. Motion carried.

State Project Review and Update:

Brian reported that crews are currently working on bridge items related to the DMA and RMA projects the department was given.

Salt Dome Replacement Update- Walls and roof are complete, working on backfilling and then paving prior to overhead door installation and final punch list items. Brian is estimating early September.

County Project Review and Update:

Causeway MLS project update: \$1,000,000 reimbursement has been received. Fishing platforms have been completed in the yard and are in the process of being moved and anchored in place. Final decking is then installed. Installation should be complete this week, followed by gravel placement up to the platforms and final paving. Causeway along with recent paving projects on CTH C in Mecan, CTH C/D in Packwaukee and CTH J in Harris will also receive penetrating sealant next week followed by pavement marking.

Richards Pit Update: All town paving projects given to us in the spring have been paved as of last Thursday. The department did have to utilize private plants for 5 days due to an issue with the hot oil system. Since then, a pump, motor and wiring were replaced to get it back up and running. Plant is now shut down for the control house changeover. Anticipated downtime is 4-6 weeks. All contracted work related to the plant purchase will be completed at that time.

Brian reported that during production time this year there were some reliability issues with the generators that came with the plant package. In looking into generator replacement vs line power, it's in the best interest of the department to begin transition to line power. Brian stated the department could run conduit and wiring now while the control house is off the foundation to limit excavation costs later. It also could be used for aggregate processing and plant operations. Adams Columbia costs will be just over \$57,000 for getting power down to the lower floor of the pit. They will have to bore STH 22 and the north wall of the pit; the remainder can be plowed. Other materials will be CT cabinet and transformer along with wiring and electrician labor will run around \$30,000-\$40,000. The costs would be absorbed into the cost pools for the pit and plant. Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Dave Benson to approve the transition to line power for an estimated cost of \$97,000. Motion carried.

Town Project Review and Update:

All town paving projects are completed and are awaiting shouldering where authorized.

Local Bridge Project Update: Rep. Dallman is now involved and appears to have some backing legislatively. The Dover Bridge in Crystal Lake is also under construction. 2026 Local program was released earlier in the month, which included one qualifying structure for Marquette County, CTH O west of CTH F. Brian will be applying for replacement funding in the program.

Inter-Departmental Operations:

Brian stated the department still needs to work on the Human Services drainage issue.

Equipment/ Property Purchase and Disposal Update:

Brian reported the surplus auction brought in just under \$10,000 which will offset the equipment fund.

Brian is requesting approval for moving forward with the purchase of 4 equipment packages to outfit the quad axle chassis at \$198,745 each. These will be impacting the 2027 budget but based on lead time and build schedules need to be ordered now. Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Kathy Jo Locke to approve the purchase. Motion carried.

Brian is also requesting approval to pursue a used single axle truck on the surplus auction that is similar the last trucks that were purchased. 2015 Peterbilt with a live bottom that can also be used in the summer to spread shoulder gravel. If purchased it will replace early 2000 Sterling with multiple oil leaks and severe corrosion issues. Anticipated purchase price of \$75,000 to \$95,000. Funds are to be offset by the equipment operational account. Moved by John Bennett and seconded by Lance Achterberg to approve up to \$100,000 for 2015 Peterbilt. Motion carried.

Personnel and Staffing Update:

New hire started Monday August 11th. No current vacancies.

WCHA Updates/: Upcoming Events/Issues/Correspondence:

Brian received word last week that CTH E qualifies for some high-risk rural road safety improvements.

Upgraded signage, paved shoulders and center and edge line rumble strips. Brian is currently working with

DOT to determine when he could incorporate the improvements on CTH E from STH 22 to STH 73 into the long-term plan. Potentially using LRIP funding for a portion of the project. Likely completion would be 2028 or 2029. Brian will move forward with the application. The committee also elected to cancel the September meeting based on not having any anticipated action items and scheduling conflicts.

Voucher Inquiries: None

Adjourn: Mike Raddatz declared the meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted-
Brenda Petersen, Highway Accountant
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