

MARQUETTE COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Highway Department Office Building

Virtual and In-Person Meeting

June 16th, 2026 – Meeting Minutes

Members of the committee present: Present: Mike Raddatz, Dennis Fenner, Kris Bergh and Lance Achterberg. Abby Swan attending virtually. Other county officials present Brian Trebiatowski, Brenda Petersen and Ron Barger.

Call to order: at 10:00 a.m. by Ron Barger.

Review/Approve the Agenda: Moved by Dennis Fenner and seconded by Lance Achterberg to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Review/Approve the minutes from the previous meeting: Moved by Lance Achterberg and seconded by Kris Bergh to approve the minutes from the May 19th, 2026, meeting. Motion carried.

Citizens Input: None

Township Questions/Comments/Concerns: Questions regarding Town of Mecan and Town of Packwaukee.

ATV Route Ordinance Speed Limit Request: Brian went over the final changes to the ATV Ordinance with the speed limit changes. Moved by Lance Achterberg and seconded by Dennis Fenner to approve the changes and forward to Executive Finance. Motion carried.

Driveway Ordinance Review: Brian went over the changes and rewording of the Driveway Ordinance. Moved by Lance Achterberg and seconded by Kris Bergh to approve the Driveway Ordinance as presented and forward to Executive Finance. Motion carried.

CTH F Railroad Crossing- Rough Crossing Repair Resolution: Brian is requesting approval of the resolution as part of the repair process by the office of the Commissioner of Railroads. Brian explained there is a 3" drop from the pavement to the track pads. Brian previously submitted repair requests via Union Pacific's website last fall and this spring. No repairs have been made. The resolution would be the next step. Moved by Lance Achterberg and seconded by Dennis Fenner to approve the Rough Crossing Repair Resolution for CTH F. Motion carried.

Financial Reports:

State Financial Report Review: Routine Maintenance Agreement costs for May totaled \$34,253 with most of the costs towards asphalt repair on I39 and Patrol Supervision. 67.63% of total budget spent.

County Report Review: Costs for May 2026 were \$105,491 with \$76,413 in County Maintenance of which most of the costs were patching, shouldering and spraying vegetation. Winter maintenance costs were \$4,748. Road Construction costs were \$24,331. Budget remaining for 2026 is \$2,309,122.

Town Report Review: Townships had a total of \$260,401 in work in May with \$42,180 being labor costs. Villages and City had \$1,674 in work with \$0 in labor costs. The current year labor comparison vs the 5-year average is up 19.39%. Compared to last year, labor is up 16.58%. When looking at seasonal work, construction is up 33.71% and the Winter Maintenance is up 11.20% compared to the previous 5-year average.

Interdepartmental Report Review: Brian reported that we sold 3,614 gallons of fuel to other departments in May. The average costs for May are \$3.965 for unleaded and \$3.4609 for diesel, which includes the state tax of .309 per gallon. Total gallons sold in 2026 to date are 22,631 gallons.

Labor Percentage by Job Type Report: Brian reported 2026 Year to Date Labor Percentages- Cost Pool Labor is 29.29%, County work is 24.06%, State is 26.14%, Townships are 19.85% and Interdepartmental is .66%. Brian explained the departmental operations and enterprise fund to the committee and reminded the committee that only 24.06% of the department's labor comes out of the levied County budget. The remaining percentage is encompassed in the Highway Operational Fund.

Percentage of General Transportation Aids met for 2026- The Towns of Buffalo, Douglas, Moundville, Packwaukee and Springfield have met the 20% requirement.

State Project Review and Update: Brian received notice last week that the north section of I39 Southbound is currently being let with a targeted completion date of November 13th, which will complete the I39 repaving throughout the county.

County Project Review and Update:

County Fair Equipment Request- The Fair Board has requested use of a grader, loader and skid steer for the upcoming fair. Moved by Dennis Fenner and seconded by Lance Achterberg to allow the use of Highway Equipment with County employees operating the equipment for the 2026 Marquette County Fair. Motion carried.

CTH A/D Project Design: Public Informational Meetings at Town of Douglas and Town of Packwaukee Town Halls will be this afternoon and evening.

Town Project Review and Update:

Town of Buffalo paving and culverts in several towns are complete. Currently paving in Town of Westfield. First mowing in townships is about 40% complete.

Local Bridge Update- The state is working with the railroad to adjust the new span requirements of the Town of Montello 14th Road Bridge. No replacement timeframe yet.

Inter-Departmental Operations: no update this month.

Equipment/ Property Purchase and Disposal Update: Tri Axle currently on Integrity Auction out of Merrill. Brian reported the department did receive the last of the 2024-25 quad axle builds, which were ordered in September 2024.

Westfield Shop Location: The Westfield Shop needs some improvements, i.e. floor drainage, insulation, etc. Brian is working with Building and Grounds Superintendent to determine proper course of action. There will be a joint meeting with property committee in the future.

Personnel and Staffing Update:

Current vacancies: Brian received a patrolman resignation last week, leaving for the private sector. Currently putting the department down 3 patrolman positions. Brian did receive a verbal acceptance and potential start date of June 29th from the most qualified applicant on the eligibility list. Brian is also working with a high school apprentice from last year to get their CDL temps and transition to full time. Human Resources is running an ad to draw additional applicants. Ron told the committee that he has given Brian the green light to fill the open positions prior to winter plowing.

WCHA Updates/: Upcoming Events/Issues/Correspondence:

Brian attended Level of Service meeting at the conference last week. That committee is still working through modules for a funding model related to State Routine Maintenance agreement.

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Brian will be on vacation the weeks of June 22nd and June 29th.

Voucher Inquiries: None

Adjourn: Mike Raddatz declared the meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted-
Brenda Petersen, Highway Accountant
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