

JOINT PROPERTY/HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2026

Highway Shop at Fairgrounds
757 S. Main St., Westfield, WI.

1. The Marquette County Property/Highway Committee meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Highway Committee Chairperson Raddatz.
Members present- Property Chairperson Lance Achterberg, Highway Chairperson Mike Raddatz, Mary Walters, Kris Bergh, and Dennis Fenner
Others present- B&G Superintendent Paul Van Treeck, Highway Commissioner Brian Trebiatowski, Treasurer Jody Myers, and Administrator Barger.
2. Motion by Dennis Fenner and seconded by Kris Bergh to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Mary Walters and seconded by Kris Bergh to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2026 Property Committee meeting. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Lance Achterberg and seconded by Dennis Fenner to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2026 Highway Committee meeting. Motion carried.
5. Reports of Official Meetings Held in the Prior Month- None
6. Upcoming Events/Issues/Citizens Comments- None
7. Review of Vouchers- None
8. Treasurer Jody Myers noted that she is waiting for a writ from Corporation Counsel to proceed with the Tax Deed Ejectment. She will give another update at a future meeting when there are more details.

Jody presented proposed fee increases to the Tax Deed Fee Schedule for 2027, which hadn't been updated since 2024. She obtained the 2027 wage information from HR Manager Melanie Zuehls, and took the average, per the advice of former Corporation Counsel Natalie Bussan. Moved by Mary Walters and seconded by Kris Bergh to approve the presented proposed 2027 Tax Deed fee list and to forward to County Board. Motion carried.

9. B&G Superintendent Paul Van Treeck and Highway Commissioner Brian Trebiatowski presented Excel Engineering's Marquette County Highway Garage Facility Assessment Executive Summary and Briefing. The property was toured by committee members, with several items pointed out as issues. The report notes the critical deficiencies and action plan for each item. Paul reported the property was experiencing increased fees on utilities, especially during winter months due to lack of insulation, structural fractures, and foundation issues. Highway Commissioner Brian Trebiatowski spoke to the property's location and utilization of the property for the Highway Department. It was reported it would cost 1.7 million dollars to fix or 2.2 million dollars for full replacement. The committee discussed the borrowing cycle with a consensus that it would be a priority to include the project in the 2028 borrowing package. Discussion followed regarding borrowing and the possibility of congressionally directed spending funds being awarded.

10. Highway Commissioner Brian Trebiatowski proceeded with the Highway Committee portion of the joint meeting. Highway Committee minutes submitted by Highway Accountant Brenda Petersen:

- a. Questions on posted financial packet- None
- b. Approval of new DOT Functional Classification Map- Brian explained there were 2 minor changes that do not impact anything other than the classification. Moved by Lance Achterberg and seconded by Kris Bergh to approve the DOT Functional Classification Map changes below. Motion carried.

County Road P /7th Ave in Moundville from State Highway 23 to County Road CX - upgraded from Local Road to Minor Collector.

Forest Lane and Douglas Ave in the City of Montello from State Road 22 to Park Street- upgraded from Local Road to Minor Collector.

c. Project Review

State project review- I39 southbound south end nearing completion. I39 southbound north end work will begin on erosion control, staking and paving preparation.

County project review- County Road P project is complete and awaiting pavement marking. County Road E STP-Rural project paving will be completed in the next week; guardrail and landscaping should be completed by end of the month.

Town project review- paving projects progressing well, still work to complete in Newton, Harris and Mecan, along with fall mowing and other small projects.

Local Small Structures Update- Towns of Mecan and Newton received project awards for their closed structures.

Mecan Lotus Driveway Concern- Brian is working with the Town of Mecan on an unpermitted alteration to a driveway that conflicts with the ordinance and guidelines of the permit. Letter was sent last week to the landowner requesting removal of the concrete portion within the right of way.

d. Equipment/Property Purchase and Disposal Update- Brian will be listing surplus trucks on upcoming auctions. One truck per auction, based on past results.

e. Personnel and Staffing Update- Interviews were held last week, 3 applicants were interviewed, all three were qualified. The top candidate accepted the offer, the other two will remain on the eligibility list.

11. The agenda having been completed Highway Committee Chairperson Mike Raddatz declared the joint meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Kiley Lloyd, County Clerk