

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 18, 2025

The Highway Committee met on Thursday September 18, 2025 at 9:00 am, at the County Highway Department in Lancaster, the meeting was also available via Zoom.

Members present were, Gary Northouse, Patrick Schroeder, Roger Guthrie and Lester Jantzen. Diane Nelson asked to be excused. Others present were Nate Dreckman, Bob Keeney, Jon Knautz, Donna Bohnenkamp, and Travis Kramer. On Zoom: Tonya White and The Herald Independent.

Notice of the meeting was sent to the Herald Independent, Administration Building, posted at the Highway Department and on the Grant County web site.

Gary Northouse called the September 18th Highway Committee meeting to order.

Agenda: Roger Guthrie, seconded by Lester Jantzen moved to approve the September 18th agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes: Roger Guthrie, seconded by Lester Jantzen moved to approve the minutes from the August 21st Highway Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

Check Listing: Pat Schroeder, seconded by Gary Northouse, moved to approve the August Check Listing report as printed. Motion carried.

State Requisition: The July Requisition has been sent to the State DOT for \$153,474.59, which is \$9,639.16 under our estimated monthly budget. As of the end of July, we are over our estimated yearly budgeted amount by \$12,789.33. The County account balances were also reviewed.

2026 Initial Budget: Jon and Donna reviewed the 2026 Capital Improvement plan and the initial 2026 budget.

The State crews have been working on shoulder wash outs, cleaning ditches, and fallen trees from the August rains. They have also been repairing guardrail.

The County crews have been working on cleaning ditches, repairing washed out shoulders, and cleaning up fallen trees from the August rains. They finished up the seal coats, and have been helping various townships with flood damages.

In the shop, mechanics are going through all main line trucks to inspect the hydraulic lines, battery cables, etc., in preparation for winter. The EMS shop truck is about to be put into use. The parts person is organizing fall filters for distribution to all the main line trucks.

Travis gave an update on the Patch Grove salt shed. There is a possibility of ground-breaking by the end of September, more likely beginning of October.

The CTH Q deck replacement should be completed either late in 2025 or early 2026. contract.

Commissioner Report:

Upcoming Trainings:

October 1st-Winter Tech Talk-SWTC, Fennimore. Put on by the WisDOT, provides information on use of brine. New and old ideas they have found that work and don't work.

October 6-7th-Commissioner Training-UWP, Platteville, WI. Put on by the Wisconsin County Highway Association (WCHA) Bi-annual training for Commissioners from all 72 Counties.

October 31st-Wisconsin Salt Wise-Youth & Ag Building, Lancaster, WI. Being aware of the salt pollution in our lakes, streams and drinking water.

Facility Report: Maintenance Department has installed a new exhaust fan over our welding area.

Employee Update: The new Section Patrol/Operator is Nathaniel Pennekamp, he will be located out of the Platteville Shop. With Nates approval, Jon has extended the 10-hour days one week.

Roger Guthrie seconded by Lester Jantzen made a motion to adjourn to Thursday October 16, 2025, at 9:00 am. Motion carried.

Diane Nelson, Secretary
Donna Bohnenkamp
Recorder