



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025**

A. Call to Order

Chairman Nussbaum called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Members Present: 5 - Don Nussbaum, Chuck Farrey, Ralph Harrison, Tim O'Brien and Billy Halbur.

Also Present at the Meeting:

Robert Doemel, Highway Commissioner

Cassie Smith-Gregor, Chief Deputy County Clerk

via TEAMS

Sid Opperman, Town of Algoma Resident

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Invocation - Committee

Invocation by Supervisor Tim O'Brien

D. Public Comments on Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

E. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Harrison, to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2024, meeting. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

F. Committee Member Comments

Supervisor Farrey wanted to discuss the County Road E issue which was going to be discussed later in the meeting.

Supervisor Farrey requested a little more information on the County Road P project in Menasha. Mr. Farrey is on the ARPA Strategy and Outcomes Commission and stated that there is one supervisor consistently bringing up and requesting funding for the Village of Fox Crossing. This supervisor is concerned about them having to put a pipe underneath County Road P deeper than they normally would and is trying to request additional funding to cover that cost. Supervisor Farrey asked Commissioner Doemel to explain this issue in a little more detail.

Commissioner Doemel stated that the County Road P is a capital project that is a reconstruction, putting storm sewer in, and curb and gutter. This presently is a rural road with open ditches, and now being designed as an urban concrete roadway with concrete curb and gutter with storm sewer.

Further discussion occurred among the committee members.

G. Highway Commissioner Comments

Robert Doemel, Highway Commissioner, commented on the County Road E issue. The highway staff has been monitoring the situation every day. The water's been flowing the whole-time underneath that ice. The conditions have been the same conditions they've been dealing with. They will continue to monitor it and unplug any culverts that plug up. The plan is to do drain tile but with no guarantee that is going to work.

1. 2025 Northeast Region Commissioners and Committee Members Spring Meeting

Bob Doemel, Highway Commissioner, stated that Winnebago County will be hosting the 2025 Northeast Region Commissioners and Committee Members Spring Meeting. This event will take place on Thursday, May 15, 2025. Mr. Doemel is working on a venue location and as soon as it is confirmed, he will let everyone know. He is working on a tentative agenda and schedule. Mr. Doemel mentioned he is working on trying to get Kristina Boardman, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), Tom Buchholz, Wisconsin Department of Transportation Northeast Region Director, and Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Government Affairs Associate, Collin Driscoll, to come and give presentations. Mr. Doemel has confirmation that Patrick Vander Sanden, Wisconsin County Highway Association (WCHA) Executive Director will come and give an update on WCHA. The event will be approximately from 9 am - 1 pm with presentations in the morning, lunch being served and depending on the venue, potentially a tour, self-guided tour of the venue facility and adjourn after that. There will be approximately 65-70 people in attendance and encouraged the Highway Committee members to attend. This is their opportunity to showcase what they offer here in Winnebago County.

2. CTH-K (S. Oakwood Road to Clairville Road) Jurisdictional Transfer

This item was discussed at a past meeting, and it was approved and carried 4-0. Commissioner Doemel and Supervisor Farrey talked about some maintenance out there. The highway department completed the work out there, and they didn't exceed \$25,000. There are a couple more spots that they might have to touch up, but they're just minor. They'll keep moving forward with that. The cooperative plan between the City of Oshkosh and the Town of Algoma was set up in stages and that last stage has been completed, and they've met that time frame. All the property adjacent to CTH-K (20th St) has been annexed to the City of Oshkosh, and the roadway is still under County jurisdiction. That is why they would like to move forward on the jurisdictional transfer from Winnebago County to the City of Oshkosh. Mr. Doemel stated a resolution would need to go to the county board. He will work on a resolution, complete the necessary paperwork for the DOT and work with the City of Oshkosh to continue moving forward with this.

3. CTH-B (Town of Poygan) Quit Claim Deed Remnant Right of Way

The Highway Department was approached by the landowner on Cty Rd B who requested some additional right of way on parcel 8404 so they could do renovations on that house. As it sits now, they can't do any remodeling or anything that they're looking to do. Commissioner Doemel provided a map of the area in question. Mr. Doemel stated there is no need for the county to have all that right of way and there is no use for the county even if they do any construction there. Commissioner Doemel used the map to explain and share his thoughts on this issue with all the committee members. Mr. Doemel stated the landowner is going to be working on his end to get a surveyor to come out there and will ultimately give the county some proposal.

4. Purple Heart Memorial Highway Signs

Roy Rogers, a Veteran, contacted Veterans Services a few years back and made this proposal to put these signs up. If these signs are put out on a state road, it has to meet all their requirements. The signs were ordered through the Department of Transportation (DOT) and then sent to the county. Commissioner Doemel talked to the County Executive about the process of funding this. The proposal was made to bring this forward through the Personnel

& Finance Committee for \$1000. The signs were approximately \$800 with the additional request to cover other supplies necessary to place the signs. Under state law and county board rules, the Personnel & Finance Committee is authorized to approve up to \$40,000 from the contingency fund for mid-year use. This item did not have to go to the county board for approval. The highway department installed four signs and then the DOT designated where these signs would go.

H. Business Items

There were no business items to address.

I. Next Meeting Date

The Highway Committee decided to cancel the February 24, 2025, meeting because there was not enough time before the next scheduled meeting to get the necessary upcoming resolution through Corporation Counsel.

The next meeting will be held on March 24, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. at the Highway Department.

J. Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Halbur, seconded by Supervisor Harrison, to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Submitted by:

Cassie J. Smith-Gregor

Winnebago County Deputy County Clerk

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<https://winnebago.cowi.portal.civicclerk.com>