



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025**

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Nussbaum at 4:30 p.m. at the Susan T. Ertmer Conference Room, 112 Otter Avenue, Oshkosh, WI.

Members Present: Chairman Don Nussbaum, Supervisor Tim O'Brien, Supervisor Chuck Farrey, Supervisor Billy Halbur (arrived at 4:39 p.m.), and County Board Chairman Tom Egan

Also Present: Highway Commissioner Bob Doemel, County Executive Assistant Ethan Hollenberger, Supervisor Steve Binder, Sidney Opperman, Dan Ziegenhagen, Ron Miller, Harry Silva, Jackie Silva, Helene White, and Shirley Beck and County Clerk Julie Barthels

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Invocation - Committee

The invocation was given by Supervisor Tim O'Brien.

D. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Sid Opperman, Resident - Voiced concerns regarding the County Road E Project. He wants to have tile placed in the bottom of the ditches.

Ron Miller, Resident - Voiced concerns about the County Road E Project and how it has affected his property.

Dan Ziegenhagen, Resident - Voiced concerns with the County Road E Project and how it affects his property.

Steve Binder, Supervisor - Voiced concerns about the need for a Truck Wash for the Highway Department. He would like to see the Highway Department have the resources to take better care of the County's equipment.

Jackie Silva, Resident - Voiced concerns with the County Road E Project.

Harry Silva, Resident - Voiced concerns with the County Road E Project.

Helene White, Resident - Voiced concerns with the County Road E Project.

Shirley Beck, Resident - Voiced concerns about the intersection of County Road A and Indian Point Road. She is having water problems and had applied for a culvert permit and was denied.

E. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of February 3, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Halbur to approve the minutes from February 3, 2025. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

F. Committee Member Comments

Supervisor Tim O'Brien noted that the Winnebago County UTV/ATV Alliance group met with the Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's Department shared concerns about safety on county roads for UTV/ATV vehicles. They are working together on an agreement to change the current ordinance. The changes will be brought to the Highway Committee for approval.

G. Highway Commissioner Comments

1. 2025 NE Region Spring Commissioners & Committee Members Meeting
The Winnebago County Highway Department will be hosting the NE Region Spring Commissioners & Committee Members Meeting. It will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025.
2. County Road P Capital Project Update
*Commissioner Doemel updated the committee on the County Road P Project. The plans are 90% complete and are due back within the next week or two. The final design will be completed after that. The Village of Fox Crossing is finishing up with their utility projects. We Energies will be moving utility poles. Construction of this project will start in 2026 and last into 2027.
A County Board Supervisor is requesting funding for the Village of Fox Crossing through ARPA funds to aid in replacing some water pipes that would affect this project.*
3. Highway Department Truck Wash
*Commissioner Doemel noted that a request was made for \$100,000 for a study and design for a new truck wash for the Highway Department.
Director of Facilities and Property Management, Mike Elder, reported on the facility study and where the truck wash will fit in.
Currently, the County is in the middle of a large facility study. From the study, the Highway Department has quite a few deficiencies in their building. There are areas that are too small and significant changes need to be made. The truck wash will not fit in the current building. The cost to build a truck wash would be \$250,000 to \$500,000. Discussion was held regarding the full master plan and how it will affect the resolution that was passed for the study for the truck wash. Updates will be provided as the facility study evolves. The plan is to have the County Board Annual Tour stop at the facilities that Winnebago County owns to see what repairs will be needed.*
4. Work Zone Awareness Week April 21-25, 2025. This year's theme is "Protect the Zone So We All Go Home".
Commissioner Doemel noted that Work Zone Awareness Week will be held the week of April 21-25, 2025. The County Executive will be presenting a proclamation for that week for the Highway Department.

H. Business Items

Action may be taken on any business items.

1. **County Highway "E" Drainage**
*Supervisor Farrey brought forward the County Highway "E" Drainage Project.
A study was done to be able to put tile in the ditch. This project needs to be put out for bid. The study said there is no definitive option that would guarantee the water would be taken away.
The decision that the committee needs to make is whether to do a study regarding drain tile or move forward with the project that already includes drain tiles. A contractor is lined up to begin this project. The flow of water studies will need to be forwarded to the Land & Water Committee. Additional funding would be needed if an engineer comes in to do a study to see if the drain tile would fix this problem.
The committee needs to make a decision as to the way to move forward.
Motion by Supervisor Farrey to hire an engineer to determine the size of tile that would be needed and if they felt that the tile would alleviate the water problem. Motion died for lack of a second.
A recommendation would be to ask for information from the Land & Water Department to see what the flow of water is and what size drain tile should be used.*

2. Authorize Transfer of Jurisdiction and Maintenance of a portion of County Trunk Highway "K" to the City of Oshkosh.
Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Halbur to authorize transfer of jurisdiction and maintenance of a portion of County Trunk Highway "K" to the City of Oshkosh. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

I. Next Meeting Date

1. Discuss the next meeting date
Next meeting date and location: April 28, 2025 at the Susan T. Ertmer Conference Room, 112 Otter Avenue, Oshkosh, at 4:30 p.m.
2. **Discuss the Meeting Scheduled for Memorial Day**
Meeting Schedule for May: May 19, 2025 at the Susan T. Conference Room, 112 Otter Avenue, Oshkosh, at 4:30 p.m.

J. Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Halbur, seconded by Supervisor O'Brien to adjourn. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

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