



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025**

A. Call to Order

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

The following members were present: Chairman Don Nussbaum, Supervisor Chuck Farrey, Supervisor Billy Halbur, Supervisor Ralph Harrison, and Supervisor Tim O'Brien.

Also, Present: County Executive Gordon Hintz, Lieutenant Darin Rice, Highway Commissioner Bob Doemel, Residents: Mike Roberts, David Schmidt, Sidney Oppermann, Helene White, Jackie Silva, Harry Silva, Gail Haag, Bob Haag, Steve Wulgaert, Robert Brennan, and County Clerk Julie Barthels

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was 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 Oppermann, Resident of Winnebago County - Inquired if anything had transpired from the project concerning County Road E, and the amount of groundwater coming up,

Gail Haag, Resident of Winnebago County - Read a statement regarding the advantages and benefits of amending the current ATV/UTV Ordinance.

E. Approval of Minutes

1. March 24, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Halbur to approve the March 24, 2025, Highway Committee Meeting minutes. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. (5-0)

F. Committee Member Comments

Supervisor Halbur asked why the ordinance was not ready for this meeting. Chairman Nussbaum noted that there were concerns with some of the verbiage as originally submitted.

Supervisor Harrison apologized for missing the last meeting.

Chairman Nussbaum questioned if Commissioner Doemel would have more information regarding the conference that will be held in Winnebago County. It will be held at the City of Oshkosh Pavilion on May 15, 2025.

G. Highway Commissioner Comments

1. Staff Update: - As of April 1st, they have hired a new road superintendent; 2 new equipment operators; 3 new operators will be starting the 1st of May; and 2 seasonal employees who will team up and do lawn mowing. Currently, there are only 3 openings in the Highway Department that they hope to fill soon.

2. Equipment Update - 5 Tri Axles are getting winter equipment put on; Sign Shop Truck is already being used; Vac Trailer assists in locating utilities in the area where they are working; Woodchipper is waiting to be used until training of employees is complete. It did have a leak and needed repairs; Brine Tank will be retrofitted to an older truck chassis and will be used for spraying brine; 2 Five Yard Trucks will not be in production until July, they are built in the United States; but because of tariffs, they will cost an additional \$6,000.00 because of the steel that is needed. They are hoping for an early fall delivery. The Asphalt Paver was sent back to Green Bay during the winter to add additional items. The Chip Spreader was delivered last Friday.

Chip Sealing - the Highway Department will do Winnebago County chip sealing first before heading out to other counties.

3. Project Updates:

County Road E project has started with replacing culverts. The project started on the east side and are working their way west. They have proposals out to contractors for bids on tiling.

County Road M project: The Highway Department was contacted by Ron Helron, a member of the Oshkosh Century Bike Ride. He is organizing a 100-mile bike trip from the 20th Street YMCA and around Green Lake. County Road M is included in this trip. It will take place June 21 and 22, 2025. The Highway Department won't start this project until after this event. They will start with culvert replacements before they pulverize the road.

Concrete Repairs - Starting on County Road A; Will need to close the intersection of County Road A and Snell Road; they will work with the City of Oshkosh to come up with a plan for closure of that intersection.

H. Business Items

Action may be taken on any business items.

1. Discuss County Highway "P" Project

Commissioner Doemel has been in contact with the Village of Fox Crossing regarding funding. The Village of Fox Crossing is asking for ARPA funds to be used for funding for the water line. A contractor is currently working on this project and has removed most of the roadway. The Highway Department will be setting up a meeting with Fox Crossing engineers and the contractor to see where the responsibilities will lie because this project was not scheduled to be started until 2026.

Mr. Doemel then took questions from the Committee members.

2. Discussion on Section 7.16 of the General Code of Winnebago County: All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle Routes and Regulations.

Supervisor O'Brien submitted a resolution to Corporation Counsel. There were additional changes that needed to be made by Corporation Counsel. The changes were regarding numbers and some of the wording.

Discussion was held by the committee regarding the speed limit that is being proposed. Drivers need to be 16 yrs. old and hold a valid driver's license. Everyone needs to have limited liability insurance policies.

Supervisor O'Brien and Supervisor Halbur noted changes that were made from the original ordinance. The 35 miles per hour speed limit wording was struck; the new speed limit will be what is posted for that roadway; operators should ride single file; they need to be fully functional with headlights, taillights and brake lights. They need to obey the noise limit ordinance, and everyone should wear seat belts. The daylight hours restriction will be struck, and they will update all words and codes to be cohesive. Supervisor Halbur noted additional changes that were being proposed. Discussion was held regarding who would be paying for the signage that would be needed with the new proposal and where the signs would need to be placed.

Input from the Sheriff's Department: Lieutenant Darin Rice noted that they did not have a lot of statistical data to go against what is being proposed. By making the rules county-wide, it would make everything more consistent. The roads that would be excluded are: County Road CB; County Road II east of 76; County Road JJ east of 76; County Road P and County Road AP. The majority of County Road A would also be excluded.

Discussion was held as to how the maintenance of the signs would be handled. It was determined that a contract between the County and the ATV/UTV group would need to be drawn up.

I. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be May 19th, at 4:30 p.m. at the Susan T. Ertmer Conference Room.

J. Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Harrison to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

The video portion of this meeting is available on the County website:
<https://winnebago.cowis.portal.civicclerk.com>