



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 19, 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 Ralph Harrison, and Supervisor Tim O'Brien.

Also, Present: Highway Commissioner Bob Doemel, Finance Director Paul Kaiser,

Residents: Robert Haag, Jackie Silva, Helene White, Harry Silva, Gail Haag, Dave Schmidt, Mike Roberts and Steve Wulgaert.

Excused: Supervisor Billy Halbur

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

Dave Schmidt, Resident of Winnebago County and member of the UTV/ATV Alliance noted that he is happy to be at this point with the ordinance and will answer any questions that may arise. Mr. Schmidt appreciates all the efforts that have been put forth for this ordinance.

E. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of April 28, 2025, Highway Committee Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor O'Brien to approve the minutes of April 28, 2025. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. 4-0.

F. Committee Member Comments

Supervisor Farrey attended three town meetings regarding the ATV/UTV ordinance: Town of Vinland, Town of Winneconne and Town of Neenah.

The Town of Neenah does not want to support this ordinance. The Town of Vinland would only support a speed limit of 35 mph. The Town of Winneconne would only support a speed limit of 35 mph.

Chairman Nussbaum also spoke with the Town of Neenah. They did not support the ordinance change.

G. Highway Commissioner Comments

Capital Updates from Highway Commissioner Bob Doemel

- *County Road E Project - Commissioner Doemel met with a tiling contractor. They will draw up proposals for this project. He contacted the sanitary district and has received some plans to help identify where the water lines are. Commissioner Doemel hopes to have information by the end of this week to move forward with this project.*
- *County Road M - A meeting regarding the State Road 91 project was held today, May 19th, at 4:00 p.m. There are 30 culverts that need to be replaced, then milled and resurfaced. The project is scheduled to end in October. They will be using County Road M as a detour.*
- *County Road Concrete Repairs - The Highway Department started on County Road A. They have finished the two northbound lanes and will turn back and finish the project. The Highway Department will look for other concrete repair projects that need to be completed by order of severity.*

Commissioner Doemel then took questions from the Committee members.

H. Business Items

1. Approve amendments to Section 7.16 of the General Code of Winnebago County: All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle Routes and Regulations.

Motion by Supervisor O'Brien, seconded by Supervisor Harrison to approve the amendments to Section 7.16 of the General Code of Winnebago County: All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle Routes and Regulations.

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Harrison to amend Line 62: Delete "ATV" from this sentence. The amendment would read as follows: "UTV operators shall observe all posted speed limits. ATVs shall not exceed 35 miles per hour. Violators shall be subject to enforcement." Vote: AYES 2 - Farrey and Harrison; NAYES 2 - O'Brien and Nussbaum. Motion FAILS.

Supervisor Nussbaum asked a question about which roads are being talked about in the ordinance. He questioned what constitutes a County Road versus a County Highway. Commissioner Doemel explained that the roads in question would be the ones that the County has jurisdiction over.

Supervisor Harrison questioned if there was an estimated cost for the signage. Commissioner Doemel noted that there are approximately 15 locations where signs would be needed. Highway Commissioner Doemel provided a figure of \$3,700.00.

Commissioner Doemel noted that on Line 95 it notes that routes may be closed or suspended by the Highway Commissioner if there is an increase in ADT (Average Daily Traffic). After discussion, it was decided that the Sheriff's Department would have input on roadways that would not be acceptable to have ATV/UTV traffic on them.

County Roads that would be considered unsafe: County Road A, County Road AP, County Road CB, County Road JJ, County Road GG, County Road 116 to County Road 76, County Road BB, and County Road II. Some of these roads have very narrow shoulders and steep ditches.

This resolution is required to be reviewed after one year.

Vote on Resolution: AYES: 3; NAYES: 1- Farrey. CARRIED. 3-1.

I. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be June 23, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. in the Susan T. Ertmer Conference Room at 112 Otter Avenue, Oshkosh.

J. Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Harrison to adjourn this meeting.

Vote: CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

The video portion of this meeting is available on the County website:

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

Respectfully Submitted by:

Julie A. Barthels

Winnebago County Clerk