



Winnebago County

The Wave of the Future

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025**

A. Call to Order

Chairman Don Nussbaum called the meeting of the Highway Committee to order at 4:30 P.M. from the Susan T. Ertmer Conference Room, 112 Otter Avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin and virtually by TEAMS.

Members Present: 5 - Don Nussbaum, Tim O'Brien, Chuck Farrey, Ralph Harrison (arrived at 4:52 pm) and Billy Halbur.

Also Present at the Meeting:

Bob Doemel, Highway Commissioner

Cassie Smith-Gregor, Chief Deputy County Clerk

Darin Rice, Professional Standards Lieutenant, Sheriff's Department

Helene White, Resident

Jackie Silva, Resident

Harry Silva, Resident

Ronald Miller, Resident

Sid Oppermann, Resident

Dave Schmidt, Resident

Gail Haag, Resident

Robert Haag, Resident

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 Oppermann, Winnebago County Resident, handed out a list of questions to the Highway Commissioner and the Committee members that they would like addressed when the Highway Commissioner is providing his report on the CTH-E Project update. Mr. Oppermann noted that last fall they had come to the committee wanting some verbiage changed in the capital budget plan for County Road E to definitely make sure that their drainage issues would be addressed. Mr. Oppermann voiced his concerns about this issue and the issue involving the two crosstubs that were put in going across County Road E.

Ron Miller, Winnebago County Resident, voiced his concerns about the County Road E Project.

Gail Haag, Winnebago County Resident, thanked the committee for amending the current ATV/UTV Ordinance and forwarding it to the County Board for discussion and adoption. Ms. Haag requested clarification on the roads and the county highways, which the Sheriff's Department and the Winnebago County ATV Alliance were recommending for closure. She asked the committee if it was possible for the ATV Alliance to work directly with the head of the sign department to assist in determining signage placements and to purchase the necessary signs, making them available for installation so that they could move forward with this project.

E. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Halbur, seconded by Supervisor Farrey, to approve the May 19, 2025, meeting minutes. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. 4-0 (Absent: Harrison)

F. Committee Member Comments

Supervisor Tim O'Brien mentioned that they had a working list of roads for the ATV/UTV closures that were briefly discussed at the last committee meeting. Mr. O'Brien wanted to discuss and identify these roads and see if there were any issues with them and would like to vote on them at the next committee meeting in July.

Supervisor Farrey stated it was his understanding that the Highway Commissioner and the County Sheriff would discuss and determine the roads that they didn't feel should be open and bring them back to the Highway Committee for discussion and review. Those would eventually need to go to the board for approval. There is no current recommendation for the committee on this issue.

Supervisor Halbur noted that they had met with the Sheriff's Department and discussed the roads that they wanted to be closed, and in conjunction with the roads that the Winnebago County ATV/UTV Alliance was OK with closing, they came up with an unofficial list of roads.

Bob Doemel, Highway Commissioner, will be working with the Sheriff's Office to confirm which roads will be closed. These are the roads that they will bring to the Highway Committee for the committee to discuss, review and possibly take action on.

Supervisor Tim O'Brien confirmed that this is what he would like to discuss and review at the next committee meeting.

Discussion was held regarding roadway jurisdictions.

Supervisor Farrey noted that this may need to be defined a little bit more and put on the agenda for the next meeting.

G. Highway Commissioner Comments

1. CTH-E Project Update

Bob Doemel, Highway Commissioner, provided an update on the CTH-E Project.

Highway Commissioner Doemel answered the questions that Sid Oppermann handed out prior to the start of the meeting. There was some discussion between committee members and the Highway Commissioner while addressing these questions.

Highway Commissioner Doemel then took questions from the committee members.

H. Business Items

1. Approve and accept the OpenGov bid submitted and awarded to Northeast Asphalt, Inc. for the 2025 LRIP Projects in Winnebago County.

Motion by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Halbur, to approve and accept the OpenGov bid that was awarded to Northeast Asphalt, Inc. for the 2025 LRIP Projects in Winnebago County. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE. 5-0

The bids must be approved by the Highway Committee and the minutes submitted to the State to qualify for the LRIP funding.

I. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date will be Monday, July 28, 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 Halbur, to adjourn at 5:32 p.m. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

Submitted by:

Cassie J. Smith-Gregor

Winnebago County Chief Deputy Clerk

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

<https://winnebagoowwi.portal.civicclerk.com>