

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 9th, 2025

The Manitowoc County Highway Committee convened into an open session at The Manitowoc County Highway Department, Conference Room, 3500 STH 310, Manitowoc, Wisconsin at 4:00 P.M. on this 9th day of September, 2025.

Supervisor Engelbrecht, called the meeting to order at 4:00p.m.

Roll Call: Supervisors Kevin Behnke, Lee Engelbrecht, Susie Maresh, Scott Schiesl and Matthew Phipps

Excused:

Also Present: Commissioner Greg Grotegut, County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer.

Approval of Minutes: Supervisor Engelbrecht made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 12th, 2025 meeting, seconded by Supervisor Phipps. Motion carried.

Regular Business:

(Public Comment): None

Jebadiah Sippel access change of use request

Commissioner Grotegut provided the committee with a map that showed the location of Mr. Sippel's request for a change of use from a farm field access to a home access. Discussion to followed. A motion was made by Supervisor Maresh, to approve the request to change the access type of use, seconded by Supervisor Phipps. Motion carried.

CTH LS – Action on High-Risk Rural Road Program

Commissioner Grotegut provided the committee with the High Risk Rural Road Program to improve asphalt pavement, signage, rumble strips on CTH LS. This project would be a 90% federal cost share and 10% local cost share. Grotegut will return with more information next meeting with cost savings due to a project proposed in 2026 in the same location.

CTH V I-43 Semi Drive -Action on project proposal

Commissioner Grotegut provided the committee with comments from the PIM meeting that was held on August 26th. Comments included to start after July 4th holiday. Grotegut described the differences in timing and cost with installing asphalt verses concrete. Discussion followed. Motion made by Supervisor Engelbrecht to proceed with asphalt option. Seconded by Supervisor Maresh. Motion carried.

Proposed 2026 Budget

Grotegut updated the committee with the proposed 2026 budget sheet, five-year proposed projects and the 17-year plan. Grotegut explained the past benefits of having an aggressive paving and chip sealing program and how that reflects the General Transportation Aid's the county receives. Discussion followed.

Proposed 2026 Airport Budget

Grotegut updated the committee with the proposed 2026 Airport budget along with and the costs to keep our airport projects moving forward. These projects include the fuel monitoring system, drainage study and master plan. Grotegut discussed possible larger equipment costs in 2027. Discussion followed.

Bridge update

Grotegut updated the committee with the current bridges that were below the sufficiency rating that are no longer

on the eligibility list. Grotegut shared a letter sent to WCHA and DOT in regards to this issue. Bridges maybe eligible if they have an engineering study performed. Grotegut informed the committee that JT Engineering is performing these studies for two of the bridges. This does not guarantee they will be in the next cycle.

Personnel

Grotegut updated the committee with the employee retention issues. Grotegut has met with Bob Ziegelbauer and personnel on this issue. Grotegut is working with personnel to come up with a solution. Discussion followed.

Brine- Commodity building update

Grotegut updated the committee that the footings are in and the contractor is working on rebar and placing wall forms.

Overtime Report

The committee reviewed the Overtime Reports. Grotegut explained the department is comparable to previous year's budget.

Vouchers

The committee reviewed the vouchers dated August 5th, 2025 through September 2nd, 2025. Supervisor Engelbrecht made a motion to approve the vouchers, seconded by Supervisor Schiesl. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date

October 14th, 2025

Adjournment

Supervisor Maresh made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Engelbrecht. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Submitted by:
Gregory M. Grotegut
Highway Commissioner