

MINUTES OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Held Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Location: Manitowoc County Public Health Building, 1028 South 9th St, Manitowoc

Present: Supervisors D. Zimmer, D. Klein, K. Sitkiewitz, B. Busse

Absent & Excused: Supervisor D. Weiss

Other County Board Members Present: T. Martell, D. Heilman

Staff Attending: C. Breit, J. Benzinger, L. Kalista, A. Yindra

Called to Order The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Committee Chairman Sitkiewitz.

Minutes Minutes were reviewed from the July 8, 2026 Committee meeting after which a motion was made by Klein, seconded by Zimmer to approve the Public Works Committee meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Donation Tracker There were six donations from Expo fair sponsors. The motion was made by Zimmer, seconded by Klein to approve the donations. Motion carried unanimously.

Ethics Code Reports None

Consideration of Position Requests from the Public Works and IT Departments

Public Works Director Craig Breit and IT Director Luke Kalista reported on the Public Works and IT position requests for their respective departments. Discussion. All supervisors in agreement.

Public Comment Committee Chairman Sitkiewitz called for public comment. Expo-Ice Center Board member, Sherrie Pinkerton presented the Milk/Ice Cream Parlor project. No one else present wished to speak.

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING DIVISION – Discussion and possible action on the following items:

Recycling and Solid Waste Programs

Breit reported on the recycling markets and the handouts included in the Public Works Committee packet. He reported that overall, recycling markets are depressed. However, there was a marginal increase per pound for PET and Fiber materials.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIVISION – Discussion and Possible Action on the Following Items:

2026 Capital Projects

Breit reported on the 2026 Capital Projects included in the Committee packet. Discussion.

Pay Request(s) for Capital Projects

No report

EXPO / ICE CENTER DIVISION – Discussion and Possible Action on the Following Items:

Report on Activities

Breit reported on the calendar of events for August, namely the Manitowoc County Fair.

Report on 2026 Manitowoc County Fair

Breit reported on the status of the Manitowoc County Fair setup and that everything is right on schedule.

2026 Capital Projects Update

Breit reported on the 2026 Capital Projects included in the Committee packet.

Milk Parlor Fundraising Project

Expo-Ice Center Board member Sherrie Pinkerton presented a proposal to the Public Works Committee on behalf of the Manitowoc County 4-H Leaders Association and Manitowoc County Dairy Promotion Association to raise funds in order to replace the Milk/Ice Cream Parlor window. Discussion. A motion was made by Zimmer, seconded by Sitkiewitz to approve the groups to raise funds for the project. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director's Expo Special Revenue Fund Report

Breit reported on the Expo Special Revenue Fund provided in the committee packet.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT– Discussion and Possible Action on the Following Items:**Operations/ 2026 Capital Projects – Update**

IT Director Luke Kalista reported on 2026 Capital Projects which included the Axon project data migration. He also reported that the Edge Switch Project is complete.

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION – Discussion and Possible Action on the Following Items:**Report on Activities and 2026 Capital projects**

WiPSN radio system project is near completion with an additional fiber link installed. He also reported that the Expo sound system project was complete and the final trial run will be executed prior to the Manitowoc County Fair.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Zimmer, seconded by Busse to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by Yindra

Signed by Sitkiewitz