

MINUTES OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Held Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Location: The Heritage Center, County Board Meeting Room – 1701 Michigan Ave, Manitowoc

Present:	Supervisors D. Weiss, D. Klein, B. Busse
Absent & Excused:	Supervisors K. Sitkiewitz, D. Zimmer
Other County Board Members Present:	County Board Chairman M. Phipps
Staff Attending:	C. Breit, J. Benzinger, L. Kalista, A. Yindra, County Executive T. Martell
Called to Order	The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Committee Vice Chairman Weiss.
Minutes	Minutes were reviewed from the August 12, 2026 Committee meeting after which a motion was made by Phipps, seconded by Klein to approve the Public Works Committee meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
Donation Tracker	There were three donations from Expo fair sponsors from August. The motion was made by Klein, seconded by Busse to approve the donations. Motion carried unanimously.
Ethics Code Reports	There were no Ethics Code Reports for September.
Public Comment	Committee Vice Chairman Weiss called for public comment three times. No public comment was made.

2027 Public Works & Information Technologies Budget Summaries

The 2027 Budget Summaries for the Public Works and Information Technologies departments were included in the packet, which Public Works Director Breit and Information Technology Director Kalista spoke about their areas. Breit stated that there are higher budgets for UWGB-Manitowoc and the Communications & Technology buildings in 2027. The summary targets high-cost capital projects, however, it is not all inclusive. Discussion.

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 compost continues to be a high-interest item and come spring, the recycling center plans to have a more consistent supply.

Proclamation – America Recycles Day

Included in the Public Works packet was the America Recycles Day Proclamation. A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Busse to support sending this proclamation to the County Executive and County Board Chairman. Motion carried unanimously.

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. He mentioned Public Works was wrapping up on many of the Capital Projects for the year. Discussion.

Winter Salt Pre-Order

Breit reported on the Winter Salt Pre-Order for the 2026/2027 winter season. He stated that by ordering the salt in advance, there was roughly a fifty percent savings. Discussion.

Highway Reclass Update

Breit reported on the Highway position reclassification and the fact that the proposed position has been rescinded. 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 October, namely the Hockey Association's utilization of the Manitowoc County Ice Center.

Report on 2026 Manitowoc County Fair

Breit reported on the Manitowoc County Fair. He mentioned the success of the Clover credit card system.

2026 Capital Projects Update

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

Recommendation to County Executive for Expo-Ice Center Board Members**-Reappointments for terms expiring December 31, 2026**

Breit reported on the expiring terms included in the Committee packet. Discussion. Motion was made by Klein, seconded by Busse to recommend the reappointments to the County Executive. 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 included in the Committee packet. Discussion.

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

Kalista reported on the 2026 Capital Projects included in the Committee packet. The WiPSN radio system project is complete. He also reported on the installation of a redundant VHF Core.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Busse to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes taken by Yindra

Signed by Sitkiewitz