

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 19th, 2026

The Manitowoc County Highway Committee convened into an open session at The Manitowoc County Highway Department, Conference Room, 3500 STH 310, Manitowoc, Wisconsin at 4:30 P.M. on this 19th day of October, 2026.

Supervisor Hammel, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Supervisors Andrew Schwerma, Susie Maresh, Kevin Behnke, Dylan Hammel.

Excused: Supervisor Scott Schiesl.

Also Present: Commissioner Greg Grotegut, County Executive Tyler Martell, County Board Chair Matthew Phipps, Supervisor Chris Dallas, Supervisor Dan Heilman, Corporation Counsel Peter Conrad, Personnel Chris Eisenschink, Darrell Meier, Scott Karbowski, Mark Krcma.

Approval of Minutes: Supervisor Maresh made a motion to approve the minutes from September 8th, 2026, seconded by Supervisor Schwerma. Motion carried.

Regular Business:

(Public Comment): None.

Village of Kellnersville Request for Culvert Pipe Cost Sharing

Grotegut shared the culvert pipe inspection reports and photographs of the pipe. He stated that the village has funds available for additional road width and that the overlay is included in the highway department's budget for next year. Grotegut recommended denying the Village of Kellnersville's request to cost-share the culvert pipe replacement. A motion to deny the request to cost-share the pipe replacement was made by Supervisor Behnke and seconded by Supervisor Maresh. Motion carried.

Village of Whitelaw Request for Snow Removal

Grotegut shared that the Village of Whitelaw had requested the county reconsider its decision to discontinue snow removal services within the village. Discussion followed. A motion to deny the village's request to reconsider continuing snow removal services was made by Supervisor Behnke and seconded by Supervisor Maresh. A vote was taken, resulting in a 3–2 decision, with Supervisors Schwerma and Hammel voting in favor of offering snow removal services. Motion carried.

Bridges Awarded for Reconstruction

Grotegut updated the committee that the county will receive funding for the reconstruction of two bridges, one on CTH Q and one on CTH CS. He shared that the design and construction plans for both bridges are still being determined.

Proposed 27 Highway Budget

Grotegut presented the proposed budget with the committee.

- A motion to add the CTH B project back into the budget was made by Supervisor Behnke and seconded by Supervisor Maresh. Discussion followed. A vote was taken. The vote ended in a 2 to 3 result with Supervisor Schwerma, Hammel, and Phipps voting against adding the CTH B project back into the budget. Motion carried.

- A motion was made by Supervisor Schwerma to remove the open mechanic position. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Phipps. A vote was taken. The vote ended in a 3 to 2 result with Supervisor Maresh and Behnke voting against removing the open position. Motion carried.
- A motion was made to remove the mileage reimbursement line on the budget by Supervisor Hammel and seconded by Supervisor Schwerma. Discussion continued. Following the discussion, about a possible fleet management program.
- A motion was rescinded by Supervisor Hammel and seconded by Supervisor Schwerma to keep the mileage reimbursement line following some discussion about a fleet management program still in the works.
- A motion was made to make the uniform allowance line a total of \$150 dollars by Supervisor Schwerma to keep up with the rising cost of steel toe boots and seconded by Supervisor Hammel. A vote was taken. The vote ended in a 4 to 1 result with Supervisor Behnke against rising the uniform allowance. Motion carried.

Proposed 27 Airport Budget

Grotegut shared the 27-airport budget. A motion was made by Supervisor Phipps and seconded by Supervisor Schwerma to decrease the contribution the airport makes to the IT department fund. A vote was taken. The vote ended in a 4 to 1 result with Supervisor Behnke voting against decreasing the contribution amount. Motion carried.

Overtime Report

The committee reviewed the overtime reports. Grotegut shared he had no issues regarding the overtime reports.

Vouchers

Motion was made by Supervisor Behnke to approve the vouchers and seconded by Supervisor Hammel. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date

December 8th, 2026 (4:30 P.M)

Adjournment

Supervisor Schwerma made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Hammel. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Submitted by: Gregory M. Grotegut

Highway Commissioner