

Barron County Highway Committee Meeting

September 4th, 2025 Minutes – 7:30 a.m.

Committee Members Attended in Person: Dennis Jenkins, Roberta Mosentine, Pete Olson, Marv Thompson, Louie Okey

Committee Members Attended Virtually: None.

Committee Members Absent: Bill Effertz.

Staff Present: Jodi Busch (left at 7:36 am), Jen Dalsbo, Gary Gall, Nate Nelson, Tony Tangwall

Staff Present Virtually: Jeff French (left at 8:31 am)

Others Present: None

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The Highway Committee meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Chair Thompson.

Approve the agenda: (Mosentine / Olson) to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

Moment of Silence carried out in honor of Dale Heinicke.

Approve the July 10th, 2025 minutes: (Olson / Jenkins). All in favor. Carried.

Public Comment: None.

Financial Report: Busch presented and discussed.

ATV Route Request: Nelson recommended opening ¼ mile of CTH I from 22 ¾ St to 23rd St for ATV traffic instead of opening CTH I from 23rd St to 24 1/8th St which would require a variance from the state to access their right of way. Discussion. Motion to utilize the recommendation to use this new proposed route after speaking with law enforcement and the county board in spring 2026. (Jenkins / Mosentine). All in favor. Carried.

Update on Maple Plain Shooting Range: Nelson indicated that work is being done and should be completed with this project in the next day or two.

Bike and Ped Update: Raven had sent some options available to go over for signage. Discussion. Motion to approve the new color option signage with the Barron County name and logo. (Olson / Jenkins). All in favor. Carried.

Bridge Replacements for Barron County Municipalities: Discussion. Motion to update and change bridge replacement contributions from an 80/20 split to a 50/50 split with county and municipalities to be effective starting January 1, 2027. (Okey / Olson). All in favor. Carried.

Motion that it is the consensus of the committee not to proceed any further at this time with the financing components of the bridge replacement projects. (Jenkins / Mosentine). All in favor. Carried.

Facility and Equipment Report: Gall discussed new equipment that came in. There will be some adjustments and improvements made on the emergency response trailer coming up. Also, implemented more formal pre-trip inspections that have increased communication on keeping equipment well maintained.

Operation's Manager Report: Discussed with Commissioner's report.

Commissioner's Report: Nelson discussed there will be a change in the interim operations manager starting next week. Crews are busy with paving through September, then will be going into culvert patches and moving into shouldering into November. Construction is almost complete at Maple Plain Gun Range. There are trainings coming up. Still in the early stages of hiring process for the commissioner position.

Project Update: Nelson indicated the townships are aware of first round bridges that need to have repairs completed by Sept. 11th 2025, and has stressed the importance of these being complete with work shown to the county and KBIS in time to prevent weight restrictions. The next round of bridge maintenance will be coming out from KBIS in the next week or two. Nelson updated on the progress of projects on CTH KK, CTH VV, and CTH D, so that we can continue to move to work for more townships.

WCHA/NACE/NACo Update: Nothing at this time.

Edit List: Edit Lists were available with no questions or concerns.

Future Agenda Items:

Set Future Meeting Date: October 2nd, 2025 at 7:30 am.

Motion to adjourn: by unanimous consent at 8:54 am.

Minutes submitted by:

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