

Barron County Highway Committee Meeting

February 5th, 2026 Minutes – 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members Attended in Person: Bill Effertz, Dennis Jenkins, Roberta Mosentine, Pete Olson, Marv Thompson

Committee Members Attended Virtually: None.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jen Dalsbo, Michelle Drury, Jeff French, Jen Holub, Jared Klouse, Nate Nelson, Joe Olson, Lori Raven

Staff Present Virtually: None.

Others Present: Louie Okey

Others Present Virtually: None

The Highway Committee meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chair Thompson.

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

Approve the Dec. 4th, 2025 minutes: Notes were to remove Louie Okey from the Committee Members Absent section as he is not a committee member. **(Olson / Effertz)**. All in favor. Carried.

Public Comment: None.

Approval to Pass a Sustainable Transportation Funding Resolution: Discussion. Motion to approve to bring to the Barron County Board for final approval. **(Olson / Effertz)**. All in favor. Carried.

Approval on Charges for Car Washes – Tiered Approach: Discussion. Motion to allow the Barron County Highway Department to charge Barron County owned vehicles and Barron County Municipality's owned vehicles starting effective April 1, 2026. **(Olson / Jenkins)**. All in favor. Carried.

Discussion and Review Lost Revenues Update: Jen Holub presented. Discussion. Commissioner and staff are working on ways to recoup lost revenues.

Financial Report: Drury presented. No concerns.

Facility and Equipment Report: Jared Klouse is filling in as interim. Building repairs that were needed will be completed this week. Looking into costs of fixing some equipment versus purchasing new with trade in. Will be looking into skid steers as some of those are coming up for renewal in April 2026. Getting warranty work completed, working on annual inspections, and keeping up on repairs to equipment.

Operation's Manager Report: Joe Olson presented. Receiving salt deliveries to keep our inventory stocked and ready. Have been mixing salt/sand and brine for operations to continue to be prepared for any future storms or bad weather that comes up. Have been working on repairing guardrails, pothole

patching, hauling rock and materials, some snow/storm cleanup for the City of Barron. Working on a new safety program with Lori Raven and staff that has volunteered. If snow starts to settle up will be working on mowing.

Engineering Technician's Report: Lori Raven presented. Working on implementing the new safety committee with Joe Olson and staff. Will be arranging meetings with the committee to discuss what we can do around buildings, out on the jobs, with equipment, with persons, and when on the job site. Looking into ways to keep our building, equipment, and our employees all safe and protected. Working out the details of the program as it is in the early stages. Lori presented a cost comparison data sheet, Barron County new Hwy Shop versus proposed new Hwy Shop for Rusk County.

Commissioner's Report: Nate Nelson presented. Working on filling up our salt inventories, and will work on our early fill coming up soon in the spring to make sure that our supply is stocked for the following season as well. Working with municipalities on upcoming projects they would like done this year. Working on ways we can recoup costs with staff and different departments.

Project Update: None.

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

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

Future Agenda Items: None.

Set Future Meeting Date: March, 5th 2026 at 8:00 am.

Motion to adjourn: by unanimous consent at 9:15 am.

Minutes submitted by:

Jen Dalsbo, Administrative Assistant II