



Barron County Highway Committee

Thursday, August 6th, 2026 Minutes – 8:00 a.m.

Barron County Highway Department Facility – Committee Room
260 N 7th St – Barron, W 54812

MINUTES:

Members Present: Dennis Jenkins, Pete Olson, Brad Wolf

Absent: Craig Turcott

Members Attending Virtually: Diane Vaughn

Others Present: Administrative Assistant II - Jen Dalsbo, Financial Director - Michelle Drury, Account Technician - Jen Holub, Facility and Equipment Manager - Mike Jones, Highway Commissioner - Nate Nelson, County Board Supervisor - Louie Okey, Operations Manager - Joe Olson, Engineering Technician - Lori Raven, Human Resources Director – Rachael Richie, Barron News Shield – Bob Zientara (left at 9:23am)

Call Meeting to Order: Chair Olson called the meeting to order at 8:00AM.

Public Meeting Notification: Jen Dalsbo noted the meeting met WI Open Meeting Requirements.

Special Matters and Announcements: None.

Approve Agenda: Motion: (Jenkins/Wolf) to approve. Carried.

Approve Minutes of July 9th, 2026: (Wolf/Jenkins) to approve. Carried.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of the 2027 Highway Budget: Finance Director Drury and Account Technician Holub presented. **(Jenkins/Wolf)** to approve recommending the proposed budget to the executive committee. Carried.

Billboard Easement (Lamar Company): Commissioner Nelson reviewed. **(Jenkins/Wolf)** to deny the proposed lifetime lease with Lamar Company for the billboard easement rental and to continue with the year to year lease agreement. Carried.

Facility & Equipment Manager's Report: Facility and Equipment Manager Jones noted the new tire machine is installed and being used, the new quad is set up and being utilized, and hired a new mechanic and are fully staffed in the shop.

Operations Manager's Report: Operations Manager Olson reviewed the crews have finished chip sealing, shouldering CTH VV and mowing on state systems. Crews are continuing to work on crackfilling, mowing on county systems, pulverizing, milling, and paving.

Engineering Technician's Report: Engineering Technician Raven reviewed that the plaque for the building dedication was ordered, the status of LSSIP applications on county bridges, there is striping work being completed throughout the county, and there will be 2 boat landings to be done this fall.

Commissioner's Report: Highway Commissioner noted the work completed on CTH P. He reviewed what the road condition was prior to, the process of the maintenance, and the status of the completed project. Commissioner Nelson noted the updated shift differential for Hwy 53 and Hwy 8 and reviewed the status of the bridge applications that were submitted last fall.

Review Edit Lists: Reviewed.

Set Next Meeting Date: Thursday, September 3rd, 2026 at 8:00AM at the Highway Facility located in Barron.

Suggestions for Future Agenda Items: None.

Adjournment: By unanimous consent at 9:28AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jen Dalsbo, Administrative Assistant II

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