

The Crawford County Highway Committee held their regular meeting on Thursday, September 18th, 2025, at the Crawford County Highway Department conference room in Seneca, WI. The meeting was called to order by Carl Orr at 8:59 a.m. Proof of Publication was verified by Carl Orr.

Members present were Carl Orr, Gerry Krachey, Mark Gilberts, Bruce Strnad, Derek Flansburgh and County Board Chairman Tom Cornford. Also present was Commissioner Kyle Kozelka and Shop Superintendent Cory Folbrecht. State Highway Superintendent Terry Hird and County Highway Superintendent Dave Jones were absent. Julie Check was present to take minutes.

Minutes from the last regular meeting on Thursday, August 21st, 2025 were approved by a motion made by Gerry Krachey, second by Bruce Strnad. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Derek Flansburgh made a motion to authorize payment of Invoice Vouchers #: 532-550 & 553-589: includes Voucher #563 payable to Iverson Construction in the amount of \$165,161.09 for CTH W – 12W25-23 (309) – Local Road Improvement Projects : #18135 CHI, #18229 CHIS & #18858 CHI – for hot mix asphalt only; and Payroll Vouchers #: 530, 531, 551 & 552; second by Mark Gilberts. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Recognition of Guests/Presentations: Robin Fisher, County Clerk; Jeremy Krachey from Team Engineer Inc. and Kevin Eipperle from FEH were present to discuss the new Gays Mills/Soldiers Grove shop proposal.

Fund Balances, Transfer of Funds, Invoice Adjustments – Past Due Accounts:

- **Fund Balances** – Fund balances dated 8/29/2025 were reviewed.
- **Budget** – Commissioner Kozelka stated he hasn't received GTA or the RMA contract from WisDOT yet. Discussed the two part-time summer help positions for 2026 that the committee previously agreed with. These positions are still in the budget. The Committee members were all ok with keeping these two positions in the budget. The committee discussed wages, Gerry Krachey stated a 2% raise is not ok, he will not vote for that. He stated that if they need to take another \$100,000 out of the Highway Departments budget to get a 3% raise for employees for 2026, then take the extra \$100,000.00.
- **Bridge Aid Resolution** – Gerry Krachey made a motion to approve the Bridge Aid Resolution for \$64,550.71, second by Tom Cornford. Motion carried with a roll call vote.

State Trunk Highways:

- **STH Update** – Commissioner Kozelka informed the committee the state crew have been: cleaning drains on STH 18 bridges; working on STH 171 and STH 61 beam guard. Discussed the STH 60 rut fill project. The plant moved to Shockley. Commissioner Kozelka and State Highway Superintendent Terry Hird are trying to push WisDOT into using 4LT mix, rather than 5LT mix, to expedite this work, since that's currently what the plant is making.
- **STH 35 Update** - They are supposed to start milling on State Highway 35, and on September 22 binder will be applied. They will finish the final layer next spring. Beam guards are done, etc.

County Trunk Highways:

- **CTH W – 12W25-23 (Local Road Improvement Projects: #18135 CHI, #18229 CHIS & #18858 CHI – for Hot Mix Only)** – Finished binder on CTH W today, only 2,200 ton left after today.

County Trunk Highways:

- **CTH Update** – County crews have been ditching for Town of Wauzeka; Town of Prairie du Chien prepping ahead of Fahrner to chip seal; and prepping the Steuben shop parking lot to pave.

Town/Village/City Projects & Issues:

- **Town of Bridgeport** – Commissioner Kozelka attended their monthly meeting last night, September 17, 2025. He asked Derek Flansburgh, “How do you feel the meeting went?”. Derek replied, “They are still talking things over”. Commissioner Kozelka discussed the concerns with their board. The Highway Department has a full-time employee designated to their township, while they have a few in-house people taking care of the mowing and spraying. If they have any jobs, even sealing or paving for their township, the county can provide an estimate. We will move forward with the township taking estimates from the County for more work and will then re-evaluate next year.

Local Projects & Bridges:

- **CTH E, (Seneca to STH 179/STH 27 – STH 179) STP Rural, Project #: 5002-00-01/71** – Commissioner Kozelka informed the committee there will be a Public Information Meeting regarding this project, after the Highway Committee meeting on Thursday, October 16th from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., at the Highway Department office in the conference room.

Highway Buildings, Facilities and Equipment:

- **Lynxville Shop Improvements** – Commissioner Kozelka stated he sent a certified letter to the landowner that we have encroached on, with no response.
- **Gays Mills/Soldiers Grove Shop – Updated Layout & Cost Estimate** – Jeremy Krachey from Team Engineers, Inc. and Kevin Eipperle from SEH discussed the new plans. They removed the office/storage, adjusted the turning radius and size of building. The updated plans show the building size of 100x180, 60x96 County sand and salt shed to hold 3,000 ton, and the state salt shed to hold 1,000 ton. The engineers discussed the different options for site layout of sand/salt shed(s), fuel pumps, and placement of retention pond and driveway. Also discussed the site grading, dirt work, paving, and roughly \$98.00 per sq. ft. for Wheeler shed, etc. After much discussion the committee felt comfortable with these numbers and bidding the precast as an estimate. Bruce Strnad made a motion to approve \$6,411,591-\$6,500,000 estimate for the future Gays Mills/Soldiers Grove Shop, second by Gerry Krachey. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Bids, Proposals, Sales or Misc.:

- **Winter Sand Bids** – Commissioner Kozelka would like to get Winter Sands bids for the 2026 calendar year. Bruce Strnad made a motion to get winter sand bids for the 2026 calendar year, second by Mark Gilberts. Motion carried by a voice vote. Bids will be reviewed at October meeting.
- **Bids** – Will need to get specs for Patrol Superintendent trucks for 2026.

Variance Requests(s), Disposal of Right of Way, Easements, Misc.:

- **Kneeland Cemetery - Update** – Norman Rose just got his septic system placed. Commissioner Kozelka plans to meet on site to view.

Personnel and Personnel Issues:

- **Employee Vacancy** – Commissioner Kozelka explained the Hwy. Department has had a patrolman position open since the loss of #29 - Joey Mason. We received seven applications and plan to do interviews next week, Wednesday or Thursday.

CLOSED SESSION:

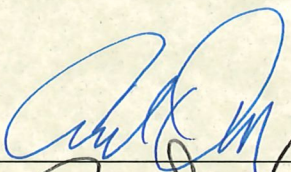
- **Personnel**
- **County Property – Disposal/Alternatives/Relocation**

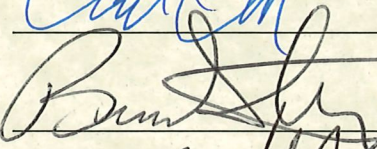
CLOSED SESSION: At 9:56 a.m. Gerry Krachey made a motion to move into Closed Session: pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) to discuss personnel; and pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) to discuss county property, second by Mark Gilberts. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

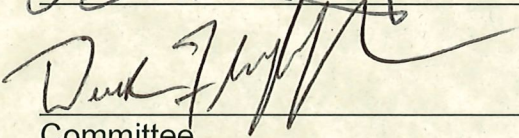
OPEN SESSION: At 10:14 a.m. Tom Cornford made a motion to move into Open Session pursuant to Section 19.85(2), second by Mark Gilberts. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

As result of closed session(s), no motions were made.

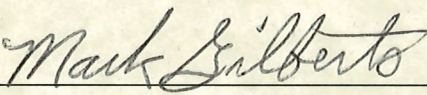
The next regular meeting will be Thursday, October 16th, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the Crawford County Highway Department in Seneca. At 10:14 a.m., with no further business, Derek Flansburgh made a motion to adjourn, second by Mark Gilberts. Motion carried by a voice vote.

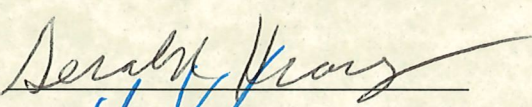


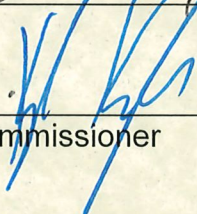




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