

The Crawford County Highway Committee held their regular meeting on Thursday, April 16th, 2026, at the Crawford County Highway Department conference room in Seneca, WI. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Orr at 9:03 a.m. Proof of Publication was verified by Carl Orr.

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

Minutes from the last regular meeting on Thursday, March 19th, 2026, were approved by a motion made by Derek Flansburgh, second by Gerry Krachey. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Gerry Krachey made a motion to authorize payment of Invoice Vouchers #: 144-155 & 158-206; and Payroll Vouchers #: 142, 143, 156 & 157; second by Mark Gilberts. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Recognition of Guests:

- Jeremy Krachey from TEAM Engineering, Inc. was present to discuss estimates for work at the Gays Mills/Soldiers Grove Highway Shop site.

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

- **Fund Balances** – No Fund Balances to review currently.

State Trunk Highways:

- **STH Update** – State Highway Superintendent Terry Hird informed the committee the state crew: removed snow fence; picked up brush and deadfalls; fixed damaged guard rails; and were patching on roads as the weather permits. Yesterday worked on slides on STH 35 & STH 131. Had a pre-construction meeting for the STH 131 box culvert along Copper Creek, with construction projected to start 4/27/26. Pre-construction meeting on 4/30 for the STH 171 Mill and overlay project from Mt. Sterling to Gays Mills. Projected to start mid to end of May.

County Trunk Highways:

- **CTH Update** – County Highway Superintendent Dave Jones informed the committee that the county crew: have been picking up windfalls; finishing up sweeping intersections; pulled off wings and sanders. Yesterday they started washing bridges.
- **CTH E – 13E16-25 – STP Rural, STH 27-179, Resurface, Project ID: 5002-00-01/71** – No updates at this time.
- **CTH W (STH 61 to Richland County Line) – CHI-S – Resurface Project** – Committee will review bids at the May 28th meeting.

Local Projects and Bridges:

- **FFY 2024-2026 BIL, Local Bridge Program – Village of Desoto, Mill Park Drive, Mississippi Tributary Bridge #P-12-0703, Project ID: 5408-00-00/70, NEW BRIDGE #B-12-0928** – Project will start the end of August.

Highway Buildings, Facilities and Equipment:

- **Gays Mills/Soldiers Grove Shop Location** – Jeremy Krachey with TEAM Engineering, Inc. discussed site work plans and handed out estimate sheets. Site plans and estimates were reviewed. Committee discussed the need for an additional 1.8 acres. Commissioner Kozelka and Highway Committee member Gerald Krachey have been working with the

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adjacent landowner regarding the purchase of this additional acreage. Engineers are recommending installing settlement gauges to monitor site settling after completion of sitework. Committee agreed bidding out for May meeting. This is a two-to-three-month project. Could have an October 1 deadline, this gives contractor a little bigger window. If bid out in May, contractor could possibly start June 1st, 2026. Gerry Krachey made a motion to bid out option #2 with alternates and the October 1st, 2026 completion date as discussed above, second by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a roll call vote. Commissioner Kozelka informed the committee that we did not get the grant for the first round.

- **Farm Lease Excess Property – Update** – Will meet with the governmental agency interested in the property at the conclusion of the Highway Committee Meeting.

Bids, Proposals, Sales or Misc.:

- **Truck Equipment Bids** – The committee approved sending out bids for equipment for the two new trucks. Will check into refurbishing the left-hand wing we currently have as another option. Cory Folbrecht, Shop Superintendent, will get bids for new RH and LH wings along with additional truck equipment, and the cost to refurbish the left hand wing we currently own.

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

- **CTH X – Werthwein** – Commissioner Kozelka informed the committee that silt fence has been installed, and seeding has taken place. We will continue to monitor progress at the site and update the committee. The driveway is still incorrectly placed, but doesn't look to be utilized now that topsoil has been placed.
- **CTH H – Steve Henry - Variance Request** – Commissioner Kozelka brought up the GIS map on the conference room TV screen in order to show the Committee the parcel of land on CTH H being discussed. Steve Henry would like to place a moveable shed, on skids, up on an adjacent berm, which is 66' from centerline. County Highway Superintendent viewed the site and said there are no issues with the moveable shed on skids being placed on the berm. Mark Gilberts made a motion to approve the variance request for Steve Henry to place a moveable shed on skids up on the berm, 66' from center line on CTH H; second by Gerry Krachey. Motion carried by a roll call vote.
- **CTH X – Josh and Amy Byl – Variance Request** - Commissioner Kozelka stated this variance request is for an extension of an existing structure that already sits within the setback. Neither the existing structure, or the proposed extension obstruct visibility or create any sort of safety issue. Gerry Krachey made a motion to approve the variance to follow the existing structure footprint, second by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a roll call vote.
- **STH 27 – Dale Roling - Variance Request** – Commissioner Kozelka updated the committee on a R/W encroachment happening just south of the Seneca shop location. The owner, Dale Roling, had started construction of a shed without permitting and verifying R/W and setbacks. Commissioner Kozelka made contact with Mr. Roling, who was fully cooperative, and stopped construction immediately. Mr. Roling has been in contact with Wisconsin Department of Transportation regarding the purchase of excess R/W, which would rectify this encroachment issue. If the purchase of R/W falls through, Mr. Roling has agreed to relocate the shed, and abide by the setbacks that the Committee agrees to offer him. Tom Cornford made a motion to approve the variance request as a backup plan, in case DOT does not give up the excess R/W, so long as Mr. Roling relocates the shed to the location he indicated on the various request, second by Mark Gilberts. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Personnel and Personnel Issues:

- **Class A CDL Expense Reimbursement** – After much discussion with the committee, it was decided the Highway Department would not pay for the cost of testing, materials or rental of equipment for testing. In lieu of that, they, instead, agreed to pay for another highway employee to drive the truck and trailer to take the employee that plans to take the test, to a DMV for testing. Gerry Krachey made a motion to approve paying an employee to drive a truck and low boy trailer to a DMV for another employee to test for CDL licensing; second by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

CLOSED SESSION:

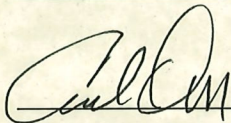
- Personnel
- County Property – Disposal/Alternatives/Relocation

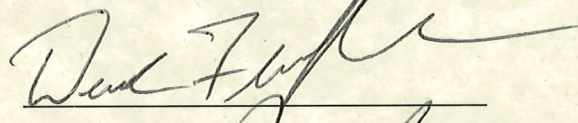
CLOSED SESSION: At 9:43 a.m. Gerry Krachey made a motion to move into Closed Session: pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) to discuss personnel; and pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) to discuss county property, second by Mark Gilberts. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

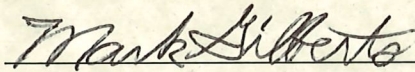
OPEN SESSION: At 10:11 a.m. Gerry Krachey made a motion to move into Open Session pursuant to Section 19.85(2), second by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

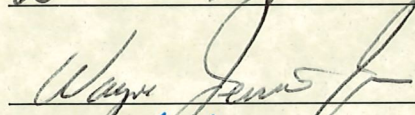
As a result of the closed session(s), no motions were made.

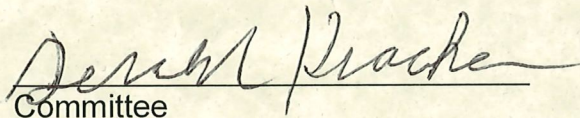
The next regular meeting will be Thursday, May 28th, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the Crawford County Highway Department in Seneca. At 10:12 a.m., with no further business, Derek Flansburgh made a motion to adjourn, second by Tom Cornford. Motion carried by a voice vote.

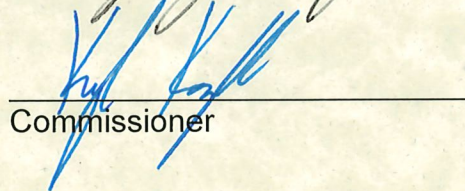









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