

The Crawford County Highway Committee held their regular meeting on Thursday, February 19th, 2026, at the Crawford County Highway Department conference room in Seneca, WI. The meeting was called to order by Carl Orr at 8:57 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, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025, were approved by a motion made by Gerry Krachey, second by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Derek Flansburgh made a motion to authorize payment of 2025 Invoice Vouchers #: 819-824, 827-835, VP 836-VP 860 & VP 863-VP 883 and 2026 Invoice Vouchers 1-4, 7-14, 17-31 & 34-57; and 2025 Payroll Vouchers #: 825, 826, VP 861 & VP 862 and 2026 Payroll Vouchers #: 5, 6, 15, 16, 32 & 33; second by Mark Gilberts. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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

- **Fund Balances** – Fund balances: 12/31/2025 before closing steps, 12/31/2025 thru closing, and 1/30/2026 were reviewed.

#### **State Trunk Highways:**

- **STH Update** – State Highway Superintendent Terry Hird informed the committee the state crew: have been doing winter maintenance; patching holes on STH 35, STH 131 & STH 61. Terry Hird and Commissioner Kozelka discussed with the committee the work plan meeting they will be having with WisDOT employees the first week of March.

#### **County Trunk Highways:**

- **CTH Update** – County Highway Superintendent Dave Jones informed the committee that the county crew have been: crack sealing CTH S; hauled more winter sand to Gays Mills; finished up hauling sand to Wauzeka shop; and cutting brush on CTH S, and on Sand Hill for Town of Haney.

#### **Town/Village/City Projects & Issues:**

- **Update** – Carl Orr, Highway Committee Chairman and Commissioner Kozelka met with the Town of Bridgeport chairman/board members. Everyone felt the meeting went well. They helped educate the board on the ability of the county providing estimates for townships, not bids. Carl and Commissioner Kozelka will continue to follow up with the township.

#### **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** – The bids came in a little over the engineers estimates. Approximately an additional \$10,000 the Village of DeSoto will owe. The Village board decided to move ahead with the project.

**Highway Buildings, Facilities and Equipment:**

- **Lynxville Shop** – The crew completed the removal of all encroaching structures. Discussed improvements for the Lynxville shop - the possibility of a gravity fed brine tank.
- **Gays Mills/Soldiers Grove Shop Location** – Commissioner Kozelka said he met with everyone on the county board. The biggest concern for board members was bonding for another big project so close to the jail bonding/project. The group discussed selling the current properties to private individuals, and the potential remediation at the properties that will need to take place prior to any sale. After much discussion, the highway committee approved of moving forward with soliciting for final design and engineering for the site. This is needed for submitting plans and specifications for many grant and funding opportunities. The board members all motioned to solicit bids from the NOI List for the April meeting.
- **Farm Lease Excess Property** – Currently we have a three-year lease with Jelinek Farms (Chad Jelinek). There is a governmental agency that contacted Commissioner Kozelka about the sale of this excess property. After discussion with the committee, the committee decided they would like to meet with this group at the March meeting, if possible, and hear what they have to say.

**Bids, Proposals, Sales or Misc.:**

- **2 Tandem Axle Trucks – Approve Bids** - Cory Folbrecht, Shop Superintendent, handed out the Tandem Axle Bid sheet. One truck will go to PDC and one will go to Wauzeka. After the committee reviewed the bid sheet, they had several questions. Premier had the apparent low bid truck, however, it included the 4000 Allison Transmission and lower quality tires, which were not per spec. The second lowest bid was from Truck Country, and included the 4500 Allison Transmission and tires that met specifications. Cory stated that previous experience with Truck Country has been excellent. Gerry Krachey made a motion to purchase from Truck Country, 2 - 2027 114SD Freightliner, DD13 Detroit, for \$155,197.00 per truck, (Extended warranty included in price of truck. 5 yr. 200,000 miles truck, chassis, engine, electrical, emissions, trans.); second by Derek. Motion carried by a roll call vote. (Bids attached, 2 pages)
- **2026 Construction Material(s) Bids** – Tom Cornford made a motion to approve soliciting bids for 2026 Construction Materials for the March meeting, second by Mark Gilberts. Motion carried by a voice vote.

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

- **CTH X – Werthwein** – Commissioner Kozelka explained to the committee that there is an illegally placed driveway on CTH X. Keith Werthwein had met with the Commissioner last year about a driveway, and both agreed on a suitable location which met all requirements. Keith instead placed a driveway at a different location that does not meet minimum site distance requirements. He has been notified numerous times about rectifying this issue and has not complied. The committee and commissioner discussed options for moving forward with rectifying this issue.

**Personnel and Personnel Issues:**

- **Employee Vacancy** – Commissioner Kozelka explained Greg Moe the new hire started on February 12, 2026. He reposted Town of Bridgeport and Greg Moe took this route. The new vacancy is 8 miles for the Town of Haney and then to possibly float to the east side of Wauzeka. This route is out of the Seneca Shop. Commissioner Kozelka and the

**Personnel and Personnel Issues:** (continued)

committee discussed the next two runners up from the last interviews. The board gave Commissioner Kozelka the authority to choose and to keep them updated.

- **Employee Recognition** – The two employees up for recognition did not make it to the meeting.
  - **Seth Harvat had 1 year of service, effective December 30, 2025.** Commissioner Kozelka stated he is doing a really good job. State Superintendent Terry Hird said Seth does a great job, very reliable, a nice young man and a great worker.
  - **Robert Olson had 15 years of service, effective March 1, 2026.** Commissioner Kozelka said Rob is our custodian/maintenance man. Rob is a very nice person, goes out of his way, does anything for anyone. He even fills in as plow truck driver.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

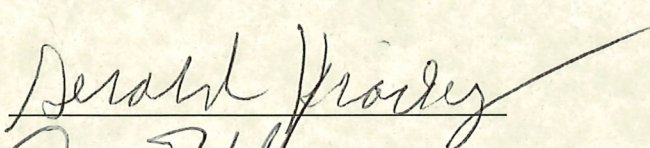
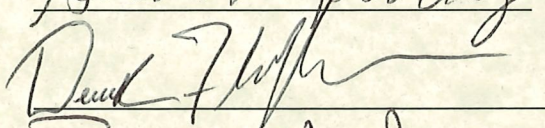
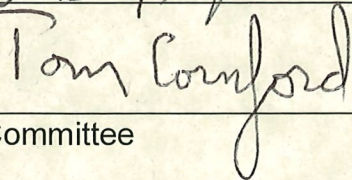
- Personnel
- County Property – Disposal/Alternatives/Relocation

**CLOSED SESSION:** At 9:38 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 Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

**OPEN SESSION:** At 9:47 a.m. Mark Gilberts made a motion to move into Open Session pursuant to Section 19.85(2), second by Gerald Krachey. 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, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Crawford County Highway Department in Seneca. At 9:48 a.m., with no further business, Derek Flansburgh made a motion to adjourn, second by Gerald Krachey. Motion carried by a voice vote.

  
  
  
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## Tandem Axle Bid

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Dealer	Truck	Price	Extended Warranty
Truck Country	2027- 47 X Western Star DD13 Detroit Approximate delivery ????	<b>\$168,660.00/ Truck Extended warranty included in price of truck</b>	5yr. 200,000 mile truck, chassis, engine, electrical, emissions, & trans.
2- *	2- 2027 114SD Plus Freightliner DD13 Detroit Approximate delivery date ????	<b>\$155,197.00/Truck Extended warranty included in price of truck</b>	5yr. 200,000 mile truck, chassis, engine, electrical, emissions, trans.
<b>Allstate Peterbilt</b>	No bid Because of front frame rails		
<b>DeBauche Truck</b>	2027 Int- HV 515 SFA IH S13 Engine June Delivery 2026	<b>\$159,880.00/ Truck Extended warranty included in price of truck</b>	Standard warranty plus , 5 yr. 200,000 mile Extended truck, chassis, engine, electrical, emissions, trans.
<b>Premier</b>	2027 Freightliner 114SD Plus	<b>\$149,365.00/Truck Extended warranty</b>	5 yr. 200,000 mile truck, engine, chassis,

<b>Truck Group</b>	DD13 Detroit Delivery Early Q3 of 2026  2027 47X Western Star DD13 Detroit Delivery date the early Q3 of 2026	included in the price of the truck  \$163,995.00/Truck Extended warranty included in price of truck	electrical, emissions, trans.  5yr. 200,000 mile truck, chassis, engine, electrical, emissions, trans.
<b>Kriete Truck Center</b>	2027 Mack Granite GR64F MP-8 13L 445 HP ALLISON  Estimated delivery date May 2026  Granite GR64F MP-8 13L 445HP M-DRIVE  Estimated delivery date Mayn 2026.	\$176,529.00/Truck extended warranty included in price  \$164,400.00/Truck Extended warranty Included in price	Engine 5yr/250,000 Emissions 5yr/250,000 Standard Heavy Duty  Engine 5yr/250,000 Emissions 5yr/250,000