

The Crawford County Highway Committee held their regular meeting on Thursday, July 23rd, 2026, at the Crawford County Highway Department conference room in Seneca, WI. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Orr at 8:59 a.m. Proof of Publication was verified by Carl Orr.

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

Minutes from the last regular meeting on Thursday, June 18th, 2026, were approved by a motion made by Mark Gilberts, second by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Derek Flansburgh made a motion to authorize payment of Invoice Vouchers #: 336-355, 358-395 and 398-417; and Payroll Vouchers #: 356, 357, 396 and 397; second by Mark Gilberts. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Recognition of Guests:

- Brian Reynolds, member of Crawford County Board of Supervisors
- Gillian Pomplin reporter for the Crawford County Independent Scout newspaper. Gillian discussed with the board the 756 Mile Maribell line that will run from MN across to Genoa in Vernon County down through Bell Center, then down towards Portage. She feels the County and Hwy. Department need to protect themselves as this will interfere with emergency response/messages and affect much more. She also explained what other counties and townships have discussed. Also mentioned the possibility of road damage if/when line is installed; like when fiber optics were installed, some township(s) had a lot of damage.
- Greg Kunkle with Universal Truck – Present to discuss previous truck equipment bid(s).

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

- **Fund Balances** - Discussed and reviewed the Fund Balances dated 7/3/26.

State Trunk Highways:

- **STH Update** – State Highway Superintendent Terry Hird informed the committee the state crew have been: working on tree cleanup from July 8 tornado, along STH 35, STH 179 and STH 131; also working on rain/storm cleanup by Soldiers Grove & STH 131; hauling rocks for chip sealing to Soldiers Grove shop for the STH 61 to Vernon Co. chip seal project. State Highway Superintendent Terry Hird and Commissioner Kyle Kozelka have been working with WisDOT addressing shoulder repair issues and other issues left from the STH 131 project. When the Highway Department crews have to address these issues it takes away from our allocated Routine Maintenance monies, which are already stretched too thin.

County Trunk Highways:

- **CTH Update** – Commissioner Kozelka informed the committee that County Superintendent Dave Jones is out working with the county crew chip sealing today. The county crew: have been working on storm damage clean up from all the downpours/rains; a lot of work on CTH H on shoulder washouts, etc. Also, on CTH X, CTH S & CTH W.

County Trunk Highways: (continued)

- **CTH W (STH 61 to Richland County Line) – CHI-S – Enchroachment Resolutions/Plat of Survey** – Commissioner Kozelka explained that we do have a ROW Encroachment that should be addressed prior to moving forward with this section of the project limits. He stopped at the residence several times and left his business card w/contact information. He hopes to inform the homeowner of the issue and discuss potential methods of resolution, prior to getting to far into the project.

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 – MOU Review** – Commissioner Kozelka presented the committee with the red-lined version of the MOU that he received from the Village of Desoto. The committee agreed that the red-lined MOU changes are acceptable, and that we can move forward with executing the agreement.

Highway Buildings, Facilities and Equipment:

- **Truck Equipment Bids – Dual Wing Truck, brine setup** – Commissioner Kozelka explained that him, Terry Hird and Cory Folbrecht sat down again with Greg Kunkle from Universal Truck to discuss the additions to the brine setup; wedge setup and single lane spray bar. They all felt like there was an incorrect interpretation of the previous quote. Greg Kunkle spoke to the committee and apologized for the misunderstanding. He put the addons on the additional quote. He changed many different options, including the price, options, etc. The first quote was \$181,249.00 for the dual wing tandem dump body, hoist, hydraulics, snow plow, pin & loop style hitch; dual wings; and replacement sander. Plus \$34,801.00 approved for wedge tank w/single lane spray bar & tailgate sander ilo for \$34,801.00. Total of \$216,050. (See meeting minutes dated June 18, 2026). Commissioner Kozelka states he feels it's very beneficial to get this type of setup for many different uses. Greg apologized for the miscommunication/misunderstanding/misinterpretations and offered to discount the unit \$4,500. New Total price for everything will be \$211,550.00. Derek Flansburgh made a motion to approve the new total of \$211,550.00; second by Wayne Jerrett. Motion carried by a roll call vote.
- **Gays Mills/Soldiers Grove Shop Location** – Commissioner Kozelka explained the site work contracts have been executed, and work may start in the next week or two. Commissioner Kozelka met with Scott the new district superintendent, at North Crawford School and stated they had a very nice discussion regarding the project timeline and any concerns of the school district.

County Parks, Public Boat Landing and Communication Towers & Equipment:

- **Seneca Tower – Road** – Commissioner Kozelka informed the committee this potential improvement work is lower priority, and that he hasn't put together a plan or estimate quite yet.

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

- **Werthwein Driveway** – Commissioner Kozelka updated the committee on the Keith Werthwein noncompliance site. The County has already addressed stormwater and sediment runoff issues at the site, which still also has non-permitted driveway access. He suggested sending a certified letter detailing the requirements to rectify these several issues.

Sales, Road Supplies, Junk, etc.:

- Cory Folbrecht stated there are two pickup trucks listed on the Wisconsin Surplus Auction website, but he has not listed the tractor yet.

Personnel and Personnel Issues.:

- Employee Recognition – David Harvat will be recognized next month, as he is out chip sealing today.

CLOSED SESSION:

- Personnel
- County Property – Disposal/Alternatives/Relocation

CLOSED SESSION: At 9:31 a.m. Mark Gilberts 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 9:54 a.m. Derek Flansburgh 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 a result of the closed session(s), no motions were made.

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, August 20th, 2026*, at 9:00 a.m. at the Crawford County Highway Department in Seneca. At 9:55 a.m., with no further business, Mark Gilberts made a motion to adjourn, second by Wayne Jerrett. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Tom Cornford
Scott Hupch
Derek Flansburgh
Committee

Mark Gilberts
Wayne Jerrett
Kyle Folbrecht
Commissioner

*Meeting date was changed to Thursday, August 27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.