

The Crawford County Highway Committee held their regular meeting on Thursday, August 27th, 2026, at the Crawford County Highway Department conference room in Seneca, WI. The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Tom Cornford at 9:03 a.m. Proof of Publication was verified by Tom Cornford.

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

Minutes from the last regular meeting on Thursday, July 23rd, 2026, were approved by a motion made by Derek Flansburgh, second by Mark Gilberts. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Derek Flansburgh made a motion to authorize payment of Invoice Vouchers #: 420-438, 441-473 and 476-483; and Payroll Vouchers #: 418, 419, 439, 440, 474 and 475; second by Mark Gilberts. Motion carried by a roll call vote. Commissioner Kozelka presented the Pay Request #1 from Meise Construction to the committee. This is the first bill request for raising the site 6", now plenty of space for septic system and retention pond at the new Gays Mills/Soldiers Grove Shop site. Wayne Jerrett made a motion to approve payment of Payment Request #1 to Meise Construction in the amount of \$155,565.00, second by Gerald Krachey. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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

- **Fund Balances** - Discussed and reviewed the Fund Balances dated 7/31/26. Commissioner Kozelka discussed 3 to 4 outstanding balances due from roadside accidents. He mentioned 2 possible options to take: submit to state debt collection or submit to state to add their taxes. Committee discussed options.
- **Budget** – Commissioner Kozelka discussed the budget spreadsheet. Everything was brought back to zero with no short-term borrowing. Still waiting on GTA estimates, and State RMA; no major increase expected there.

State Trunk Highways:

- **STH Update** – State Highway Superintendent Terry Hird informed the committee the state crew have been finishing up chip sealing on STH 61; culverts on STH 35 cleaned out; assisted foam jacking crew as they filled voids on a couple bridge structures, and 4 box culverts; brush spraying is done with exception of STH 61; and 1,266 tons of rut fill paving on STH 35.

County Trunk Highways:

- **CTH Update** – Dave Harvat, Construction/Utility Foreman explained that the county crew have fixed culvert drain issues on CTH W; repaired a box culvert for Town of Utica; did work on Peak Road and Mountain Lane for the Town of Prairie du Chien; and lots of roadside mowing for Townships and the county.
- **CTH W (STH 61 to Richland County Line) – CHI-S – Encroachment Resolutions/Plat of Survey** – Commissioner Kozelka discussed the ROW Encroachment at Irish Ridge Road and CTH W. Aside from the encroachment, the existing Y intersection has poor visibility, which is very unsafe. The committee discussed options for improving the intersection and/or rectifying the encroachment issue ahead of the upcoming resurface project on CTH W. The committee and commissioner agreed that a realignment of CTH W to the South would be the most beneficial.

County Trunk Highways: (continued)

- **CTH W (STH 61 to Richland County Line) – CHI-S – Encroachment Resolutions/Plat of Survey** – Gerry Krachey made a motion to approve moving forward with moving the road for a safer intersection and acquiring the property needed to change the intersection/road location, second by Mark Gilberts. Motion carried by a roll call vote. Commissioner Kozelka stated he will contact Jeremy Krachey with TEAM Engineering about checking into acquiring the property.

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 update – Commissioner Kozelka said he updated and cleaned up the MOU. He has contacted the Village of Desoto two different times and they have not returned his emails.

Highway Buildings, Facilities and Equipment:

- **Gays Mills/Soldiers Grove Shop Location** – Commissioner Kozelka explained the sitework is coming along very nicely. Most all the fill material has been moved and compacted, and the contractor will begin placing base material soon.

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

- The new Principal at North Crawford Schools contacted Commissioner Kozelka about the county towers and tower locations. He informed the committee that he got him in contact with Angie Martin, the 911 coordinator.

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

- **Werthwein Driveway & ROW Encroachment** - Commissioner Kozelka sent a certified letter to Keith. Deadline was the end of August. He doesn't think any issues have been rectified. Committee suggested granting an additional couple of weeks to rectify, due to Keith's father Norm passing.
- **STH 131 – Derek McCormick Variance** - Derek wants to add to an existing shed structure. Currently the house extends out further than the new addition will be. 53' variance from ROW. 80' from centerline. Derek Flansburgh approved the 53' variance from ROW on STH 131 for Derek McCormick to add to the existing shed, second by Gerald Krachey. Motion carried by a voice vote.
- **CTH E – Terry Lawrence Variance** – Terry is purchasing lots 6 & 7 in the Village of Lynxville he would like to put up a structure (not large). He would like location of structure no closer to CTH E than the existing neighboring structures. The committee agreed to stick with what is consistent/existing. Mark Gilberts made a motion to approve the variance for Terry Lawrence to be 40' to 50' from centerline or not closer to highway than neighboring structures, second by Gerald Krachey. Motion carried by a voice vote.
- **STH 27 – Pat Erdenberger Variance** – Pat wants to construct a load out next to grain bins, 30' from ROW, its currently at 40' with grain bins. Gerry Krachey made a motion to approve 30' from ROW to construct a load out next to grain bins, second by Wayne Jerrett. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Sales, Road Supplies, Junk, etc.:

- Cory Folbrecht stated there were two pickup trucks sold on the Wisconsin Surplus Auction website. Both trucks were pretty rusty and rough, sold for a couple thousand dollars total.

Personnel and Personnel Issues.:

- Employee Recognition – Commissioner Kozelka and the committee thanked David Harvat for his 5 years of service. David Harvat is the Construction/Utility Foreman and has been with the county for 5 years on July 19, 2026. Kyle state David is very self-motivated, easy to get along with, and really cares about his job and the quality of his work. Currently David has run both the Peak Road and Mountain Lane projects. He does an outstanding job every day.

CLOSED SESSION:

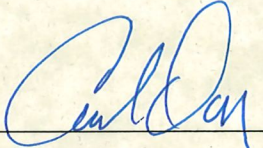
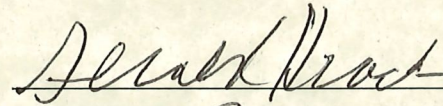
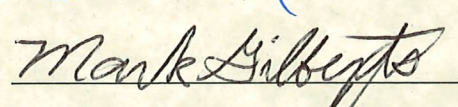
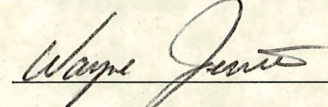
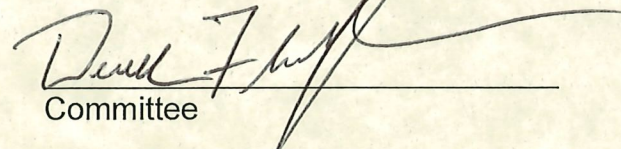
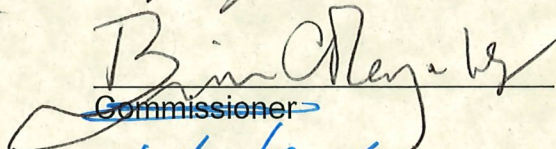
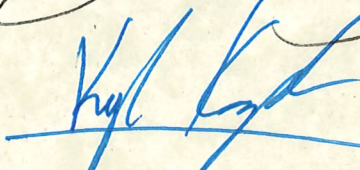
- Personnel
- County Property – Disposal/Alternatives/Relocation

CLOSED SESSION: At 9:32 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 10:01 a.m. Mark Gilberts 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, September 17th, 2026*, at 9:00 a.m. at the Crawford County Highway Department in Seneca. At 10:03 a.m., with no further business, Mark Gilberts made a motion to adjourn, second by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a voice vote.

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