The Crawford County Highway Committee held their regular meeting on Thursday, September 17th, 2026, at the Crawford County Highway Department conference room in Seneca, WI. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Carl Orr at 9:58 a.m. Proof of Publication was verified by Carl Orr.

Members present were Carl Orr, Mark Gilberts, Derek Flansburgh, Wayne Jerrett, Gerry Krachey, County Board Chairman Tom Cornford and County Board member Brian Reynolds. 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, August 27th, 2026, were approved by a motion made by Gerry Krachey, second by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Gerry Krachey made a motion to authorize payment of Invoice Vouchers #: 484-497 and 500-538; and Payroll Vouchers #: 498 and 499; second by Mark Gilberts. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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

- **Fund Balances -** Reviewed the Fund Balances dated 8/28/26. No major changes in Fund balances. Haven't received any additional pay requests for the site work, etc. Should be receiving additional pay requests soon, as the deadline is October 15, 2026.
- **Budget** – Commissioner Kozelka discussed the budget spreadsheet. Spreadsheet shows RMA allocation from WisDOT, we didn't break it down. No changes in GTA allocation and no adjustment from finance.
- **Bridge Aid** – Bridge Aid for the Towns and Villages is small this year, it is $86,495.08. Half of that amount is the county's' share. Gerry Krachey made a motion to approve Bridge Aid Resolution at $86,495.08 total, equating to $43,247.54 as the County's share; second by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

State Trunk Highways:

- **STH Update** – State Highway Superintendent Terry Hird informed the committee the state crew have been fixing shoulders and washouts on STH 35, 171 & 61; they cleaned the Lynxville shop floor; completed some STH 61 inlet work; picked up rocks by Boscobel bridge and east part of STH 60; and cleared small brush around rails and signs.
- Terry and Kyle also discussed the meeting with WisDOT regarding salt inventory in Prairie du Chien. Salt is currently comingled between State, County and the City of Prairie du Chien. WisDOT would like to segregate salt storage, as is written in their lease agreement with the County. This will make measuring salt inventory easier, as well as mitigate any potential for salt inventory discrepancies. They also discussed some BMP's for keeping better inventories, including utilizing the loader scale, vs counting buckets, etc.

County Trunk Highways:

- **CTH Update** – Dave Harvat, Construction Foreman explained that the county finished up a lot of loose ends for Town and Village work; installed cattle pass for Town of Wauzeka; reconstructed Peak Road and Mountain Lane in Town of Prairie du Chien; and finished up on CTH W replacing culverts ahead of the resurface project.

County Trunk Highways: (continued)

- **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. He met with Joyce Carlson and she was very receptive. She wants a little more information to share with her sons. Discussed with the committee: encroaching properties – removing and relocating their fences; appraisals; comparables; acquisitions, etc. Mark Gilberts made a motion to move forward with getting 4-5 acquisition proposals for the October meeting; second by Tom Cornford. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Town/Village/City Projects and Issues:

- **Town of Marietta - Invoice** – Commissioner Kozelka informed the committee of the invoice that was inadvertently sent from the Town of Marietta, for fixing a stop sign that was struck while they were mowing.

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 –** Still working through concerns of the Village and trying to finalize this MOU.

Highway Buildings, Facilities and Equipment:

- **Gays Mills/Soldiers Grove Shop Location** – Commissioner Kozelka updated the committee. The fill has been moved, and contractor is bringing in the first lift of base.

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

- Commissioner Kozelka stated he has been working with Angie Martin, 911 Coordinator, on improvements and repairs at the tower locations.

Bids, Proposals, Sales or Misc.:

- The committee approved of sending out bids for 2027 winter sand.

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

- **Werthwein Driveway & ROW Encroachment -** Commissioner Kozelka informed the committee that the landowner still has not relocated the driveway to its permitted location.

Personnel and Personnel Issues.:

- **New Hire Update** – Commissioner Kozelka informed the committee the new hire, Joseph Huber, started on Monday, September 21, 2206. His CDL is automatic only, he will work to acquire manual endorsement.

CLOSED SESSION:

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

CLOSED SESSION: At 10:22 a.m. Gerry Krachey made a motion to move into Closed Session: pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) to discuss personnel, second by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

OPEN SESSION: At 10:32 a.m. Derek Flansburgh made a motion to move into Open Session pursuant to Section 19.85(2), second by Tom Cornford. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

CLOSED SESSION: At 10:32 a.m. Gerry Krachey made a motion to move back into Closed Session: 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 11:07a.m. Tom Cornford made a motion to move into Open Session pursuant to Section 19.85(2), second by Gerry 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, October 15th, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at the Crawford County Highway Department in Seneca. At 11:07 a.m., with no further business, Mark Gilberts made a motion to adjourn, second by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Committee

Commissioner