

BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee of the Board:

Buffalo County Highway Committee

Date of the Meeting:

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Chairman Mr. Lindstrom called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. in the conference room of the Buffalo County Highway Department, Alma, Wisconsin.

Board Members Present: Mr. Michaels, Mr. Lindstrom, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Ruff, and Mr. Sendelbach

Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting: Kelly Johnston, Karl Noeldner, Lee Engfer, Bennett Olson, Nick Bremer, Greg Konkel from Universal and Bruce Pehler from Pehler Oil.

Public Comments regarding Agenda Items: None

Review/Discussion/Action - Minutes of the Previous Meeting: A motion was made by Mr. Weiss, seconded by Mr. Sendelbach to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, December 9, 2025. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action - Monthly Vouchers #31526 through #31606 totaling \$339,083.01 were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Sendelbach, seconded by Mr. Michaels, to approve the monthly vouchers as presented. Carried. Mr. Weiss found a discrepancy on two LP Gas bills. Contact was made to vendor. The vendor indicated that they manually entered the wrong amount and would credit us the difference.

Review/Discussion/Action -- Staffing:

- a. Update on Highway Maintenance Worker Positions- Both positions will be filled as of Wednesday January 21, 2026.

Review/Discussion/Action-- Equipment:

- a. Bomag RS 500 Trade Update- Trade in price for the Bomag with all filters, holders and bits is \$122,000.00. The decision was made to list Bomag on Iron Planet with a reserve price of \$139,900.00 including all extra parts.
- b. Mower Tractor Bid Opening- Mr. Weiss made a motion to purchase a 2024 Case 115 from Johnson Tractor for \$118,000.00 as well as the Turf Tires for an extra \$1,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Ruff. Roll Call Vote Mr. Sendelbach yes, Mr. Weiss yes, Mr. Lindstrom yes, Mr. Ruff yes, Mr. Michaels yes. Mr. Ruff made a motion to hold off on the mower to verify the direction of the blades, so it is not throwing grass on the road. Mr. Michaels seconded. Carried.
- c. Samsara GPS Update- All units have been installed but one. That unit will be installed later today.
- d. Universal Equipment Contract Discussion- Greg Konkel from Universal was present for a discussion. Mr. Michaels made a motion to source a contract with Universal for all truck equipment setups. Mr. Ruff seconded. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action-- Buildings & Grounds:

- a. Fuel Contract Bid Opening- Allied \$2.685 at Alma Shop and \$2.885 at the other shops. Pehler \$2.703 at Alma Shop and \$2.919 at the other shops. Alcivia is not an actual contract bid. Mr. Ruff made a motion to not contract any fuel at this time and to stay with Pehler providing fuel as needed for now. Mr. Sendelbach seconded. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action-- Roads & Bridges:

- a. Winter Maintenance Update & Concerns- Discussion about phone calls taken involving concerns/issues with plowing. Discussion was had about equipment issues, short staff, new staff, covering multiple routes, etc. A unified message will be drafted and sent out as a response.

Review/Discussion-- Safety/Risk Management Update:

- a. Workers Comp report needs to be posted from February-April.

Review/Discussion-- Financial Update:

- a. Mrs. Radsek will be working on the salt/sand costing to get out with December billing. Mrs. LaDuke is working on year end but cannot finish until inventory discrepancies are fixed.

Commissioner's Report- Purchased a new style of plow blades to demo. Shopping for lowest price on JOMA blades also. Parts to fix broom are \$5,400.00. Fix and remove the hitches from both brooms, no more pulling. Discussion about the 6'-20' program. "J Bond" tack oil used for centerline paving. RPE sprayed on right behind paver for \$35000/mile. It will be eight years before needing chipseal. Chipseal is usually done within 3-4 years after paving at \$21000/mile.

Committee Chair Report – Nothing to report

County Administrator Report- On February 11,2026 5:30-7:30 p.m. there will be a public meeting at CFC school for the CTH OO project. On January 21,2026 there will be a municipal meeting at the Roger Marten Center in Mondovi for the State Hwy 37 project at 10:00 a.m. On January 29,2026 5:00-7:00 p.m. there will be a public meeting at the Roger Marten Center in Mondovi for the State Hwy 37 project from State Hwy 88 to the intersection of US Hwy 10/State Hwy 37.

Public Comments- Nothing to report

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be Tuesday February 17, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Secretary
Kelly Johnston