

BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee of the Board:

Buffalo County Highway Committee

Date of the Meeting:

Thursday, October 8, 2026

Chairman Mr. Lindstrom called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m. in the conference room of the Buffalo County Highway Department, Alma, Wisconsin.

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

Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting: Gil Adams, Kelly Johnston, Bennett Olson, Nick Bremer, Lee Engfer, Steve Wall, and Kari Kent and Penny Pronschinske from Buffalo County Trail Riders.

Roll Call of Members: Mr. Weiss yes, Mr. Ruff yes, Mr. Lindstrom yes, Mr. Michaels yes, Mr. Sendelbach excused.

Verification of Open Meetings Law Compliance: Yes, in compliance.

Approve Agenda: Mr. Ruff made a motion to move item 10D to after item 7. Mr. Michaels seconded. Carried. Mr. Ruff made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Michaels seconded. Carried.

Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting: A motion was made by Mr. Michaels, seconded by Mr. Ruff, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, September 15, 2026. Carried.

Vouchers: Monthly Vouchers #32138 through #32206 totaling \$600,309.51 were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Michaels, seconded by Mr. Ruff, to approve the monthly vouchers as presented. Carried.

Public Comment: Nothing to report.

Contract Approvals:

a. Fuel Contracting- No contracting available at this time.

Equipment:

a. Radios Update- Still testing some bad areas.

Roads & Bridges:

- a. Township Road Updates- All contracts with Townships are completed for 2026 as of October 8, 2026.
- b. County Road Updates- Doing maintenance work, mowing, patching, shouldering, reclaiming. CTH O culvert is in. Salt/Sand will be starting October 19, 2026.
- c. State Road Updates- All DMA's, LFA's and TMA are complete except for one DMA that will be completed in the next couple of weeks.
- d. Buffalo County Trail Riders- Discussion of hours of operation and speed limit change from 35 mph to posted speed limit. Mr. Michaels made a motion to move this forward with the proposed changes. Mr. Ruff seconded. Carried.
- e. Bridge Aid Discussion- Town of Maxville to be joint petitioned for in the 2027 budget for \$44,887.96. County share would be \$22,443.98. Need to redo some wording in the joint petition policy, needs to be updated with grant changes, deadline dates etc.
- f. Joint Petitions- Discussion of joint petitions that have been received.

Buildings & Grounds:

- a. Window Issue Update- The window has been fixed.
- b. Shop Lights Update- Contractors are working on estimates, 2-3 bids needed.

2027 Budget: Prioritize equipment list as needed. Contracting cost vs in house work cost.

Financial Update: Continuously working on completing months. Completely closed out through May. Some work is done in June, July, and August.

Safety/Risk Management Update: Insurance coverage paperwork going great. One near miss incident on CTH JJ where a line was hit by an arm mower. WDF is finalizing. Buffalo County will receive \$50,518.28.

Commissioner's Report- Attended the Annual Commissioners/Committee members meeting. Some buildings and grounds work need to be done.

Committee Chair Report – Nothing to report.

County Administrator Report- First bridge on Wabasha dike piling is ok. CTH P bridge is just about completed. Shops have been much cleaner. Danielle is learning a lot of new jobs working with Tim Ramberg.

Correspondence: Nothing to report.

Future Agenda Items: Radios, Shop Lights, Salt/Sand Stacker update, Access through Jardine and Ambulance property with written and signed permission.

Next Meeting Date and Time: The next meeting will be Tuesday November 10, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Secretary
Kelly Johnston