BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee of the Board: Buffalo County Highway Committee

Date of the Meeting: Tuesday, November 10, 2026

Chairman Mr. Lindstrom called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. in the conference room of the Buffalo County Highway Department, Alma, Wisconsin.

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

Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting: Gil Adams, Kelly Johnston, Bennett Olson, Nick Bremer, and Lee Engfer

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

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

Approve Agenda: Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Ruff 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, October 8, 2026. Carried.

Vouchers: Monthly Vouchers #32207 through #32259 totaling $133,546.91 were reviewed. A motion was made by Mr. Weiss, seconded by Mr. Sendelbach, to approve the monthly vouchers as presented. Carried.

Public Comment: Nothing to report.

Contract Approvals:

a. Fuel Contracting- Deisel is dropping, continue monitoring.
b. Composite Rates- Discussion was had and agreed to continue.

Equipment:

a. Radios Update- Multiple dead spots throughout the county, stay with Ancom.
b. Salt/Sand Stacker Update- Finishing salt/sand this week. There were a few small issues at the start but nothing major. The stacker worked well.
c. Tractor Update- The tractor was totaled by insurance company for $96,000.00.

Roads & Bridges:

a. County Road Updates- Continuing with maintenance work. County Road B project just about completed. Cochrane Telephone wants to connect fiber lines to County Road P bridge, engineering plan needed first.
b. Township Road Updates- Everything completed to date.
c. State Road Updates- Maintenance, waiting on an LFA, and waiting on culvert liners. Brushing will be starting shortly.
d. Bridge Aid Discussion- Discussion was had, move forward to County Board.
e. Joint Petitions Update- Discussion was had, move forward to County Board.

Buildings & Grounds:

a. Shop Lights- Quotes from three companies. Make sure enough was budgeted for in 2027 for the upgrades first then proceed with the cheapest bid.
b. Garage Doors- Fix completed, new cables, hinges, rollers, and one-track section. Ted is also working on some other issues at the shops.

Resolution for Petitions on Joint Projects: The county portion is $83,133.18. It is the Towns responsibility to notify the county by the deadline if a joint petition is needed.

2027 Budget: The 2027 county budget will be brought to the County Board tonight November 10,2026 for approval. Highway cut 1.2 million and is working on some things for extra money for future budgets.

Financial Update: Finishing September and beginning October. Working on streamlining some things to help in the future.

Safety/Risk Management Update: Call Samsara after sanders are on all trucks.

Commissioner's Report- Working on ride a long, budget, winter readiness and with Tim Ramberg.

Committee Chair Report – Nothing to report.

County Administrator Report- ATV/UTV policy will be coming back to the Highway Committee, working on redoing some of the ordinances.

Correspondence: Discussion was had.

Future Agenda Items: Shop lights, continuous cleaning of culverts/ditches.

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

The Committee May Go into Closed Session: Mr. Ruff made a motion to go into closed session at 9:27 a.m. Mr. Michaels seconded. Carried.

The Committee May Enter into Open Session: Mr. Michaels made a motion to come back to open session at 10:20 a.m. Mr. Ruff seconded. Carried.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Secretary
Kelly Johnston