

**Jackson County Highway Department
Committee Meeting
September 10, 2025**

1. Call to Order

Chairman Chamberlain called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M. in the Conference Room at the Jackson County Highway Department, 119 Harrison Street, Black River Falls, WI on Wednesday, September 10, 2025.

2. Roll Call

The following Highway Committee members were present: Ed Chamberlain, Mike Kunes, John Higgins, Mike Beck and David Holen.

Kevin Kamrowski, Highway Commissioner
Shane Peterson, Patrol Superintendent
Ann Klieforth, Accountant/Office Manager
Jeff Amo, County Board Chairman
Cindy Altman, County Clerk
Rick Poff, County Facilities
Bill Laurent, County Board Supervisor/Village of Merrilan/Town of Alma
Tom Cooper, County Board Supervisor

3. Approve Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on August 13, 2025, were reviewed.

M/S Kunes/Beck to approve the Highway Committee minutes as presented. Carried unanimously.

4. Equipment Update

- ▶ #2138 – 2014 CAT Loader: Fabick CAT returned to calibrate the loader brake pedal and diagnose low trans pressure fault. After replacing pressure sensor decided to run a 30W oil in the transmission to help with pressure. Unit is back in service. Cost = \$1,991.46
- ▶ #0057/#0058 Western Star Tandem Axle Trucks: Both trucks have returned from Kling's shop after sandblasting and painting of their frames. Units are back in service. Cost = \$9,128.30 (Additional money quoted is the added exhaust shields they manufactured.)
- ▶ The wings are finished getting sandblasted and painted at Gerdes and will be picked up at the same time the plows are dropped off next week.

5. Update on Highway Operations (County and State)

Shane Peterson reported on County operations for Joe Rowekamp:

- ▶ Shaping and grading CTH N for paving, started paving of CTH N, replaced culverts on CTH C, did fall mowing and chips/oil on various county roads.

Projection for next month:

- ▶ Paving on CTH N, shoulder CTH N, replace culverts on CTH C, continue fall mowing and work on a few Town projects.

Shane Peterson reported on State Operations:

- ▶ Rubber on STH 54, polyjacking on STH 95/STH 27, paved bridge approach on USH 10, ripped a box culvert on USH 10 and started paving on CTH N.

Projection for next month:

- ▶ Finish crackfilling for the DMA project on STH 54 West, more shouldering, patching on various State highways, fix guardrail on I-94 and chips/oil on STH 12.

6. Discuss/Act on 10-Hour Days

Commissioner Kamrowski presented the Committee with the results of the yes/no/or undecided survey of the current staff for opinion on the request to change to four 10-hour days year-round. The Commissioner confirmed that all employees in the department had initialed in the ‘yes’ column, making a unanimous vote in favor of the change.

M/S Higgins/Beck to approve the four 10-hour day schedule year-round. Carried unanimously.

7. Discuss/Act on Steel Carbide Blades

**Jackson County Highway Department
Grader, Plow and Wing Blade Bids
Bid Opening - 09/09/2025 @ 1:00 P.M.**

Quantity	Size	Description	Gray's, Inc		Miller-Bradford & Risberg, Inc		Burke Truck & Equipment		Winter Equipment Co, Inc	
			Cost/Blade	Total Cost	Cost/Blade	Total Cost	Cost/Blade	Total Cost	Cost/Blade	Total Cost
4	5/8" x 8" x 7'	Grader Blade	\$ 130.00	\$ 520.00	\$ 136.76	\$ 547.04	\$ 148.096	\$ 592.38	\$ 123.83	\$ 495.32
Price	1/2" x 6" x 9'	Wing Blade	\$ -		\$ 125.78		\$ 136.201		\$ 113.88	
7	5/8" x 6" x 8'	Cover Blade	\$ 132.00	\$ 924.00	\$ 139.41	\$ 975.87	\$ 150.969	\$ 1,056.78	\$ 126.23	\$ 883.61
Price	5/8" x 8" x 7'	Wing Blade	\$ -		\$ 163.41		\$ 176.956		\$ 147.96	
10	5/8" x 8" x 9'	Wing Blade	\$ 183.00	\$ 1,830.00	\$ 210.08	\$ 2,100.80	\$ 192.500	\$ 1,925.00	\$ 190.22	\$ 1,902.20
Price	5/8" x 8" x 6'	Plow Blade	\$ -		\$ 140.05		\$ 151.658		\$ 126.80	
Price	3/4" x 8" x 4'	Plow Blade	\$ -		\$ 111.96		\$ 121.250		\$ 101.38	
20	3/4" x 6" x 3'	Carbide Blade	\$ 199.00	\$ 3,980.00	\$ 277.60	\$ 5,552.00	\$ 277.550	\$ 5,551.00	\$ 251.35	\$ 5,027.00
Price	3/4" x 6" x 4'	Carbide Blade	\$ -		\$ 370.13		\$ 369.980		\$ 335.13	
Price	3/4" x 6" x 4'	Carbide Blade, Double Punch	\$ -		\$ 370.13		\$ 354.380		\$ 334.96	
Price	7/8" x 5" x 4'	Underbody Blade, Shielded, Carbide	\$ -		\$ 495.36		\$ 474.510		\$ 448.50	
60	4' Joma 6000	Joma 6000 Blades	\$ 548.00	\$ 32,880.00	\$ 678.88	\$ 40,732.80	\$ 577.047	\$ 34,622.79	\$ 569.33	\$ 34,159.80
Price	Joma 3" x 4' Clamps	Joma Rubber Blade Clamps - 3" x 4'	\$ -		\$ 51.28		\$ 49.820		\$ 43.32	
1		Freight, If Listed	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
		Price Expiration Date, If Available		9/24/2025						
	Total Cost			\$ 40,134.00		\$ 50,308.51		\$ 43,747.96		\$ 42,467.93

M/S Higgins/Kunes to accept the bid for blades from Gray's Inc. Carried unanimously.

8. Discuss/Act on Screened Sand

Committee discussed hauling distance and difference in material structure from pit locations, as it was noted that the material type differs in abrasive nature.

**JACKSON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
3,000 CUBIC YARDS (C.Y.) OF WASHED OR SCREENED SAND
BID OPENING - 09/09/2024 @ 1:00 P.M.**

Vendor	Quantity	Price per C.Y.	Total Cost
Opelt Sand & Gravel			
<i>Pit Location: N2177 Opelt Ave, Neillsville, WI 54456</i>			
Loaded	3,000	\$ 10.00	\$30,000.00
Milestone Materials			
<i>Pit Location: W9464 W Mission Rd, Black River Falls, WI</i>			
Loaded	3,000	\$ 10.54	\$31,620.00
Hawk Island Excavating & Landscaping			
<i>Pit Location: N4304 Hawk Island Rd, Black River Falls, WI</i>			
Loaded by the Highway Department	3,000	\$ 7.00	\$21,000.00
Loaded by Hawk Island	3,000	\$ 8.00	\$24,000.00

M/S Higgins/Kunes to accept the bid for screened sand from Milestone Materials. Carried unanimously.

9. Discuss/Act on Resolution to Develop 100% Design of a Future Highway Department Facility

Commissioner Kamrowski discussed the resolution with the Committee.

M/S Higgins/Beck to proceed with the Resolution to Develop 100% Design of a Future Highway Facility. Carried unanimously.

10. Discuss/Act on Loader Rental (I-94 Rest Area)

M/S Kunes/Higgins to rent the loader from Har-Mur for \$2475.00 per month. Carried unanimously.

11. Discuss/Act on Mutual Aid Agreement City Point

Commissioner Kamrowski reviewed the mutual aid agreement with the Committee for CTH Z winter maintenance.

M/S Kunes/Higgins to approve mutual aid for CTH Z for the 2025-2026 winter season. Carried unanimously.

15. Highway Commissioner's Report (Item moved ahead)

Commissioner Kamrowski updated on:

- ▶ Updates on the 40% Facility Design including recent correspondence and meetings with vendors.
- ▶ Draft status of two different ATV/UTV routes to forward to WisDOT for the Village of Merrilan/Town of Alma.

12. Discuss/Act on Skid Steer Purchase

Commissioner Kamrowski reviewed the equipment fund status along with the used equipment sale credits and discussed quotes received for a skid steer that accommodates a forestry package to assist with efficiency and safety in the brush cutting/maintenance on both the State and County level.

M/S Higgins/Beck to purchase the Bobcat with Forestry (Land Management) Package at a total cost of \$109,704.00 utilizing the used equipment sale credits. Carried unanimously.

13. Approve Vouchers

M/S Higgins/Beck to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$869,577.25. Carried unanimously.

14. Office Manager's Report

The 2025 year-to-date financial analysis was presented by Ann Klieforth, Accountant/Office Manager.

15. Highway Commissioner's Report (Continued from earlier)

Commissioner Kamrowski updated on:

- ▶ Request from a Town for bridge and culvert aid for their percentage of a Local Road Improvement Bridge replacement which is scheduled to be done in 2026. Commissioner discussed that they would apply for bridge and culvert aid next year for 50% reimbursement payment in 2027.
- ▶ After many attempts, contact has been made with Osseo Ford regarding the diagnosis issue of Truck #0024. An agreement has been offered and will be accepted.

16. Employee Conferences, Training and/or Seminars

Commissioner Kamrowski shared that we are sending a Patrol Superintendent and a Foreman to the WCHA LDG Conference; there is a WCHA Fall Commissioner/Committee Meeting on September 30, 2025, in Arcadia, and encourages the Committee to attend if possible; there will be chainsaw safety training for the crew as well, on September 30; and he is scheduled to also attend Commissioner's Training on October 9 & 10, 2025.

17. Set/Confirm Future Highway Committee Dates

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 @ 8:30 A.M

18. Adjournment

M/S Higgins/Holen to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:21 A.M.