

**Jackson County Highway Department  
Committee Meeting  
February 18, 2026**

**1. Call to Order**

Chair 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, February 18, 2026.

**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  
Joe Rowekamp, Operations Manager/Patrol Superintendent  
Shane Peterson, Patrol Superintendent  
Rick Poff, Facilities  
Tom Cooper, County Board Supervisor  
Bill Laurent, County Board Supervisor  
Jessica McDonald, HR Director  
Cindy Altman, County Clerk

**3. Approve Committee Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the January 2026 meeting were reviewed.

Motion Higgins/Beck to approve the Highway Committee minutes as presented. Carried unanimously.

**4. Equipment Update**

Truck #32 2014 Single axle Peterbilt had EGR cooler leaking, repairs were done in house, back in service.  
Truck #79 2010 Tandem axle Mack had engine coolant lines leaking, repairs done in house, back in service.  
Truck #48 2015 Tri axle Mack was hit on CTH E, driver's mirror was damaged, \$987.62, hit & run driver was not found. Truck #80 2024 Tandem axle Freightliner was struck on I-94 January 22, 2026, at 8:54 pm and received damage to the left wing, was sent to Universal for temporary repairs, \$3,357.44 and estimated another \$17,725.25 in more damage that will be repaired in the spring, hit & run driver was located at Hixton truck stop. Truck #80 2024 Tandem axle Freightliner was struck out on I-94 January 23, 2026, at 1:06 am, received damage to right wing, was sent to Universal for temporary repairs, \$1,346.60 and estimated another \$6,199.25 in more damage that will be repaired in the spring, hit & run driver was located at BRF truck stop. Truck #42 2005 Tri axle Mack had lift axle supports collapsing due to rusting out, all repairs done in house, back in service.

**5. Update on Highway Operations (County and State)**

Joe Rowekamp reported on County operations: snow/ice removal, tree removal County X, V, D, A, stockpiling salt/sand for towns, brush mowing County O, HH. Projections for next month: snow/ice removal, tree removal County A, chips/oil cross cracks County P, O, stockpile salt/sand for towns, brush mowing County HH.

Shane Peterson reported on State Operations: patching state roads, put brine down post storms, brushing on state roads, doing mastic on I-94 plowing various storms, helped DOT with bridge on 12/27. Projections for next month: more patching, brining roads and bridges, more snow removal, mastic state bids, brushing and cutting trees.

**6. Discuss/Act on Loader Bids**

Commissioner Kamrowski presented the loader bids. Motion Higgins/Holen to approve the 2026 John Deere 644G bid from McCoy Construction & Forestry for \$212,900. Carried unanimously.

**7. Discuss/Act on County V Structure Replacements Bids**

Commissioner Kamrowski presented the structure replacement bids. Motion Higgins/Holen to approve Larson for \$447,435.58 for bridge replacement. Carried unanimously.

**8. Discuss/Act on Request from Xcel Energy Grant Permission**

Commissioner Kamrowski presented information from Xcel Energy to do right of way work for the new ATC line. Motion Higgins/Beck to approve as presented. Carried unanimously.

**9. Discuss/Act on Summer LTE's**

Commissioner Kamrowski requested to hire 2 summer LTE's. Motion Higgins/Kunes to approve. Carried unanimously.

**10. Discuss/Act on Sale of 14' Plow**

Commissioner Kamrowski requested to sell the 14' plow. Motion Higgins/Beck to sell the 14' plow. Carried unanimously.

**11. Discuss/Act on ATV Resolution Amending Ordinance**

Commissioner Kamrowski presented the Resolution Amending ATV Ordinance in the Merrilan/Alma area. Motion Kunes/Higgins to approve as presented. Carried unanimously.

**12. Discuss/Act on Sale of Guardrail Post & Batwing Mowers**

Commissioner Kamrowski presented information on excess supplies. Motion Higgins/Holen to approve the sale of guardrail posts and the 2 mounted batwing mowers. Carried unanimously.

**13. Approve Vouchers**

Motion Higgins/Holen to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$46,559.73 in 2025 and \$75,655.15 in 2026 for a total of \$122,214.88. Carried unanimously.

**14. Office Manager's Report**

Office Manager Report for Year-to-Date 2025 Operations was provided and reviewed.

**15. Highway Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Kamrowski updated on:

- ▶ 100% Facility Design
- ▶ Transportation Resolution
- ▶ Bridge Grant released
- ▶ Employee Update
- ▶ Road bans

**16. Employee Conferences, Training and/or Seminars**

Fire Suppression Training March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**17. Set/Confirm Future Highway Committee Dates**

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 @ 8:30 A.M.

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 @8:30 A.M.

**18. Adjournment**

Motion Higgins/Holen to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:14 A.M.