

**Jackson County Highway Department
Committee Meeting
March 19, 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, March 19, 2025.

2. Roll Call

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

Kevin Kamrowski, Interim Commissioner/Operations Manager/Patrol Superintendent

Joe Rowekamp, Patrol Superintendent

Ann Klieforth, Accountant/Office Manager

Jeff Amo, County Board Chairman

Tom Cooper, County Board Member

3. Approve Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the meeting on February 19, 2025, were reviewed.

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

4. Equipment Update

- ▶ #0058 – 2020 Western Star: Sent to Murphy’s for an alignment. Unit is back in service.
Cost: \$419.90
- ▶ #0083 – 2023 Freightliner Tri-Axle: Sent to Premier Truck for transmission locking in gear (electrical fault) along with a coolant leak. Technicians found wires that had been rubbed not pertaining to the transmission, but could not replicate the issue. Work is not completely covered by warranty. We be reimbursed on diagnostics if the transmission problem returns. Unit is back in service.
Cost: \$1,422.44
- ▶ #0022 – 2014 Ford F250: In our shop, dismantled after a significant engine misfire. Found a broken Valve spring with 217,500 miles on the truck. The heads were pulled and sent to Chippewa Valley Machine Shop. Truck is waiting on parts/heads to re-assemble.
- ▶ #0024 – 2014 Ford F250: Sent to Osseo Ford for a return problem with the transmission downshifting hard. The TCM was reset and calibrated to try and correct the issue, but the problem is believed to be in the valve body. We purchased the transmission from Conrad’s last fall and they have agreed to pay for the part.

5. Update on Highway Operations (County and State)

Kevin Kamrowski reported on County operations:

- ▶ Snow and ice removal, brush and tree clearing on CTH N, continuing to haul 1 ¼” base material from the Iron Mine, brush mowing on CTH K and mastic on CTH K & CTH C.

Projection for next month:

- ▶ Snow and ice removal, brush and tree clearing on CTH N, snow fence removal and patching on various county roads.

Joe Rowekamp reported on State Operations:

- ▶ Snow and ice removal, applied brine prior to storms, removed trees in the R/W on STH 54 east, cleared trees on I-94, STH 108 & STH 109 WB and patched in various locations.

Projection for next month:

- ▶ Chips and oil on STH 95 on the concrete, reclaiming shoulders and patching in various locations.

6. Discuss/Act on 2025 Construction Material and Service Bids (Pulverizing, HMA, 3/4" Gravel, 3/8" Chips, 1/4" Chips, Emulsion Oil and Culverts)

AGGREGATES						
Name of Bidder/Site Name	Material Type Total Tons	Crushed Stone or Gravel		Chip Seal Chips	Spray Patch Chips	WIDOT
		3/4"	1 1/4"	3/8" minus 1200	1/4" minus 400	Cert Site
Milestone Materials						
Merrillan Quarry, Neillsville	\$	7.80	\$ 7.55	\$ 16.10	\$ 16.30	Yes
Jackson County Iron Mine - thru 05/31/25	\$	6.82	\$ 6.82	\$ -	\$ -	Yes
Jackson County Iron Mine - 06/01/25 - 5/31/26	\$	7.45	\$ 7.45	\$ -	\$ -	Yes
Mindoro Quarry, Mindoro	\$	9.45	\$ 9.45	\$ -	\$ -	Yes
Twesme Quarry, Arcadia	\$	9.75	\$ 9.75	\$ -	\$ -	Yes
Irvine Quarry, Ettrick	\$	9.30	\$ 9.30	\$ -	\$ -	Yes
<i>Highlighted items selected by Highway Committee action, 03/19/2025.</i>						
Nelson Diesel & Dozing, LLC						
Bondlei - Oak Ridge Pit, Ettrick	\$	8.25	\$ 8.25	No Bid	No Bid	Yes
Opelt Sand & Gravel, LLC						
Opelt Quarry - Neillsville	\$	7.50	\$ 7.50	\$ 19.40	\$ 19.40	Yes
Gerke Excavating, Inc						
Late Bid Arrival	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

EMULSION OIL - SEAL COAT				
Name of Bidder/Site Name	Material Per Gallon	CRS-2 Emulsion Oil	Application/Gallon	Total
		40,000	40,000	Applied/Gallon
Flint Hills Resources		Late Bid Arrival	No Bid	\$ -
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC		No Bid	\$ 0.4400	\$ 0.440
	<i>Total Per Gallon</i>			\$ 0.440
Henry G. Meigs, LLC	\$	2.4600	\$ -	\$ 2.460
Meigs Advantage	\$	-	\$ 0.3200	\$ 0.320
	<i>Total Per Gallon</i>			\$ 2.780
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EMULSION OIL - SPRAY PATCH OIL		
Name of Bidder/Site Name	Total Gallons	CRS-2 Emulsion Oil
		Spray Patch 7,400
Flint Hills		Late Bid Arrival
Henry G. Meigs, LLC - Eau Claire Terminal	\$	2.3600
RCM Specialities, Inc.	\$	3.8100
<i>Highlighted items selected by Highway Committee action, 03/19/2025.</i>		

HOT MIX ASPHALT			
Name of Bidder/Site Name	Type of Material Total Tons	Hot Mix Asphalt	
		Type 3-LT 58-28S 6,000	Type 4-LT 58-34S 4,500
Mathy Construction Company			
Irvine Quarry - W15367 Quarry Ln, Ettrick	\$	62.96	\$ 68.57
Murphy Pit - N6899 Leight Road, BRF	\$	64.51	\$ 70.77
<i>Highlighted items selected by Highway Committee action, 03/19/2025.</i>			

PULVERIZING		
Name of Bidder/Site Name	Bid Bond	52,000 SY
A-1 Excavating, LLC	Yes	\$ 0.530
Haas Sons, Inc	Yes	\$ 0.319
Kartechner Brothers, LLC	Yes	\$ 0.349
Tri-County Paving, Inc	Yes	\$ 0.364
WK Construction Company, Inc.	Yes	\$ 0.420
<i>Highlighted items selected by Highway Committee action, 03/19/2025.</i>		

M/S Higgins/Holen to accept the bids for materials as noted on the bid sheet. Carried unanimously.

	CENTRAL CULVERT & SUPPLY 2025	VOLM COMPANIES 2025
HDPE Dual-Wall Poly Culvert with Bell & Spigot Connection		
12" Culvert	\$6.32	\$6.35
15" Culvert	\$8.58	\$8.61
18" Culvert	\$11.71	\$11.75
24" Culvert	\$20.28	\$20.36
30" Culvert	\$28.76	\$28.87
36" Culvert	\$37.90	\$38.05
42" Culvert	\$48.27	\$48.45
48" Culvert	\$62.65	\$62.89
60" Culvert	\$96.54	\$96.91

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*** BID ENVELOPE RECEIVED LATE FROM CONTECH, UNOPENED**

2025	TRUE NORTH STEEL
GALVANIZED APRON ENDWALLS	
16 Gauge Material	
12" Apron Endwalls	\$90.00
15" Apron Endwalls	\$114.30
18" Apron Endwalls	\$147.20
24" Apron Endwalls	\$230.00
14 Gauge Material	
30" Apron Endwalls	\$445.80
36" Apron Endwalls	\$617.20
12 Gauge Material	
42" Apron Endwalls	\$1,081.50
48" Apron Endwalls	\$1,258.60
54" Apron Endwalls	\$1,491.50
10 Gauge Material	
60" Apron Endwalls	\$2,237.20
66" Apron Endwalls	\$2,404.30
72" Apron Endwalls	\$2,665.80
GALVANIZED ARCH APRON ENDWALLS	
2025	TRUE NORTH STEEL
16 Gauge Material	
21"x15" Aluminized Pipe	\$140.00
24"x18" Aluminized Pipe	\$170.00
14 Gauge Material	
28"x20" Aluminized Pipe	\$171.50
35"x24" Aluminized Pipe	\$285.80
12 Gauge Material	
42"x29" Aluminized Pipe	\$451.50
49"x33" Aluminized Pipe	\$778.60
57"x38" Aluminized Pipe	\$970.00
64"x43" Aluminized Pipe	\$1,348.60
10 Gauge Material	
71"x47" Aluminized Pipe	\$1,981.50
8 Gauge Material	
83"x57" Galvanized Pipe	NO BID

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2025	TRUE NORTH STEEL	
	Pipe	Bands
ALUMINIZED TYPE 2 CULVERTS		
16 Gauge Material		
12" Aluminized Pipe	\$15.90	\$30.00
15" Aluminized Pipe	\$19.08	\$36.00
18" Aluminized Pipe	\$23.85	\$45.00
24" Aluminized Pipe	\$30.21	\$57.00
14 Gauge Material		
30" Aluminized Pipe	\$47.70	\$72.00
36" Aluminized Pipe	\$57.24	\$87.00
12 Gauge Material		
42" Aluminized Pipe	\$90.63	\$102.00
48" Aluminized Pipe	\$103.35	\$228.00
54" Aluminized Pipe	\$116.07	\$264.00
10 Gauge Material		
60" Aluminized Pipe	\$163.77	\$294.00
66" Aluminized Pipe	\$179.67	\$318.00
72" Aluminized Pipe	\$195.57	\$354.00
ALUMINIZED TYPE 2 ARCH PIPE		
2025	TRUE NORTH STEEL	
	Pipe	Bands
16 Gauge Material		
21"x15" Aluminized Pipe	\$27.45	\$41.40
24"x18" Aluminized Pipe	\$31.11	\$58.65
14 Gauge Material		
28"x20" Aluminized Pipe	\$43.92	\$65.55
35"x24" Aluminized Pipe	\$54.90	\$82.80
12 Gauge Material		
42"x29" Aluminized Pipe	\$89.67	\$100.05
49"x33" Aluminized Pipe	\$104.31	\$117.30
57"x38" Aluminized Pipe	\$118.95	\$262.20
64"x43" Aluminized Pipe	\$133.59	\$303.60
10 Gauge Material		
71"x47" Aluminized Pipe	\$188.49	\$338.10
8 Gauge Material		
83"x57" Galvanized Pipe	NO BID	NO BID

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M/S Higgins/Beck to accept the bids for poly culverts from Central Culvert & Supply, and metal culverts as needed from True North Steel. Carried unanimously.

7. Discuss/Act on Purchase of Rubber Melter

Vendor	Make	Year	Model	Days A.R.O	Quote	Gov't Disc	Total
Al Chroma	Cimeline	2025	M4DH	45	\$ 128,615.00	\$ (34,605.00)	\$ 94,010.00
<i>Selected by Highway Committee action, 03/19/2025.</i>							
Mid-States Eq & Spl, Inc	Marathon	2025	KERA 370BRE	30-60	\$ 83,932.50	\$ -	\$ 83,932.50
	Cimeline	2025	M4DH	60	\$ 105,130.50	\$ -	\$ 105,130.50
Sherwin Industries, Inc	Crafco, Inc EZ Series II 1500 Elec	2025	#46400EB	60-90	\$ 117,610.86	\$ (11,481.06)	\$ 106,129.80
Stepp Mfg Co Inc	Stepp Mfg Co Inc	2025	OJK-400	180	\$ 131,200.00	\$ (13,120.00)	\$ 118,080.00

M/S Higgins/Kunes to purchase the Cimeline rubber melter from Al Chroma for \$94,010.00. Carried unanimously.

8. Discuss/Act on Purchase of Mastic Machine

Vendor	Make	Gov't Disc	Subtotal	Cart	Total
Al Chroma	Cimeline	\$ (27,558.00)	\$ 81,412.00	Included	\$ 81,412.00
<i>Selected by Highway Committee action, 03/19/2025.</i>					
Mid-States Eq & Spl, Inc	Marathon	\$ -	\$ 88,832.50	\$ 3,850.00	\$ 92,682.50
	Cimeline	\$ -	\$ 92,779.00	N/A	\$ 92,779.00
Sherwin Industries, Inc	Crafco, Inc	\$ (5,251.31)	\$ 102,767.00	\$ 3,885.00	\$ 106,652.00
Stepp Mfg Co Inc	Stepp Mfg Co Inc	\$ (5,041.45)	\$ 95,787.55	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 99,137.55

M/S Higgins/Beck to purchase the Cimeline mastic machine from Al Chroma for \$81,412.00. Carried unanimously.

9. Approve Vouchers

M/S Holen/Higgins to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$115,955.85. Carried unanimously.

15. Office Manager's Report

The 2025 year-to-date Financial Operation Analysis was presented by Ann Klieforth.

Higgins was excused from the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

16. Highway Commissioner's Report

Kamrowski updated on:

- ▶ Update on the facility design and request by Barrientos design team for additional study areas that could be done at this time, to assist in both a more accurate cost estimate and also to find any potential problems with the site.
 - M/S Kunes/Chamberlain** to approve moving forward with only the topographic study at this time in the amount of \$19,900.00 and forward to Executive, Finance and Personnel for additional funding out of the remaining funds not spent in the original facility study resolution. Carried unanimously.
- ▶ Discussed the current status of the internet/phone service at the Highway Maintenance Shop at 23 Harrison, and the climbing cost of Brightspeed and the unsuccessful efforts to negotiate cost.
 - M/S Kunes/Beck** to research better service for internet/phone at the Shop. Carried unanimously.
- ▶ Update on recent ATV/UTV request for changes to the current ordinance, to be more compliant with Surrounding ordinances. Kamrowski will pull information together for the next Committee meeting.

17. Employee Conferences, Training and/or Seminars

Kamrowski informed the Committee about upcoming Commissioner Training on April 8-9, 2025 in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin and asked to attend.

M/S Kunes/Holen to send Kamrowski to Commissioner's Training. Carried Unanimously.

18. Set/Confirm Future Highway Committee Dates

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 @ 8:30 A.M

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 @ 8:30 A.M

19. Adjournment

M/S Holen/Kunes to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 11:09 A.M.