



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Works Committee was held in the Highway office meeting room.

Present	Supervisor Marty Wolf, Supervisor Tom Grabow, Supervisor Justin Strom, Supervisor Tom Bichler, Supervisor Daniel Vogel
Absent	None
Excused	None

Staff present: County Administrator Dzwinel, Public Works Director Edgren, Transit Superintendent Ottum, Project Manager/Construction Superintendent Guettel, Deputy County Clerk Reedy and Chief Deputy County Clerk Henning.

Others present: Dan Benson - Ozaukee Press and Jeremy Dandy

2. PROPER NOTICE

Chairperson Wolf called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM. The clerk noticed the meeting as required.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS

Chairperson Wolf indicated that Mr. Dandy would be able to address the committee under the "Fairground Tamarack Trees" action item.

Ms. Ottum distributed an email communication received regarding the proposed fare change.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 18, 2025

Motion:	Motion to approve the September 18, 2025 minutes as submitted.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Tom Grabow
Seconded by:	Tom Bichler
Ayes:	Marty Wolf, Tom Grabow, Justin Strom, Tom Bichler, Daniel Vogel
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

5. PUBLIC HEARING

a. 85.21 Specialized Transportation Assistance Grant

Chairperson Wolf opened the public hearing at 8:01 AM.

There was no one present to speak.

Chairperson Wolf closed the public hearing at 8:02 AM.

b. Farebox Increase for the Ozaukee County Shared Ride Taxi

Chairperson Wolf opened the second public hearing at 8:03 AM.

There was no one present to speak.

Chairperson Wolf closed the public hearing at 8:04 AM.

6. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

a. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

1. Facilities Financials - Nov 2025

Mr. Edgren provided an update on Justice Center's fire alarm control system and HVAC repairs.

7. TRANSIT SERVICES

a. Action Items

1. 85.21 Specialized Transportation Assistance Grant

Ms. Ottum provided an overview of the use of the funding authorized under Wisconsin State Statute 85.21 to supplement elderly and disabled transit programs. The funds would be distributed across three (3) programs: Shared-Ride Taxi Service, Transportation for Veterans Out of County and ADRC Voucher Program.

Motion:	Motion to approve the submittal and acceptance of the 85.21 Specialized Transportation Assistance grant application for 2026.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Daniel Vogel
Seconded by:	Justin Strom
Ayes:	Marty Wolf, Tom Grabow, Justin Strom, Tom Bichler, Daniel Vogel
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

2. Farebox Increase for the Ozaukee County Shared-Ride Taxi

Discussion on strategy for fare increases in the future.

Motion:	Motion to approve the fare increase as proposed for the Shared-Ride Taxi Service.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Tom Grabow
Seconded by:	Justin Strom
Ayes:	Marty Wolf, Tom Grabow, Justin Strom, Tom Bichler, Daniel Vogel
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

b. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

1. Transit Ridership Report

83,102 rides to date.

2. Transit Monthly Report

Update on vehicle fleet and usage, triennial review and Wisconsin Department of Transportation Management Performance Review.

3. Transit Financials - Nov 2025

Question on the increase in revenues.

8. HIGHWAYS

a. Action Items

1. Fairground Tamarack Trees

Mr. Edgren reviewed the request from Jeremy Dandy, who lives on the east side of the Ozaukee County Fairgrounds to remove over 10 Tamarack trees, each of which are at least 30' tall due to the amount of needles that shed on his property.

Mr. Dandy explained that the Tamarack trees shed their needles covering his yard and, due to wind, become embedded in the asphalt shingle joints on his roof. Significant downpours help to remove the needles from the roof; however, the needles then cause "dams" in the gutters. Mr. Dandy's primary concern is his safety as he has had to remove the needle dams from the gutters during rainstorms.

Mr. Dandy reiterated that the "screening" is not an issue but is in search of a solution to prevent having to continuously clean his roof and gutters.

Questions and discussion of the purpose of the trees, gutter cover protection systems, cost to remove the Tamarack trees and replace with Arborvitaes trees, a natural screen (vegetation) versus a plastic/metal fence, the setting of a precedence with the County removing the trees and possibly exploring a grant for tree removal.

The Committee directed staff and Mr. Dandy to look into innovative solutions and report back to the committee.

No action was taken.

2. 2026-2027 Town Road Maintenance Contracts for the Towns of Belgium, Fredonia, Grafton & Port Washington

Motion:	Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Road Maintenance Contracts, as submitted, for the Towns of Belgium, Fredonia, Grafton and Port Washington.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Tom Bichler
Seconded by:	Tom Grabow
Ayes:	Marty Wolf, Tom Grabow, Justin Strom, Tom Bichler, Daniel Vogel
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

3. CTH O Contamination Memorandum of Understanding

Motion:	Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Saukville and Ozaukee County for the County Trunk Highway (CTH) O (Green Bay Avenue) contamination testing.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Daniel Vogel
Seconded by:	Tom Grabow
Ayes:	Marty Wolf, Tom Grabow, Justin Strom, Tom Bichler, Daniel Vogel
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

4. CTH O Contamination Consultant Award

Motion:	Motion to authorize the Public Works Director to enter into a CTH O Contamination contract with Moraine Environmental.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Daniel Vogel
Seconded by:	Tom Bichler
Ayes:	None
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

5. CTH Y & CTH T Design Proposal

Motion:	Motion to authorize the Public Works Director to approve Gremmer's CTH Y & CTH T Engineering/Design Services contract.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Justin Strom
Seconded by:	Tom Gravow
Ayes:	Marty Wolf, Tom Grabow, Justin Strom, Tom Bichler, Daniel Vogel
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

b. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

1. Highway Financials - Nov 2025

There were no questions.

2. Highway Monthly Update - Nov 2025

Update on Justice Center HVAC repairs, Union Pacific CTH Q (Ulao Road) Rough Crossing, CTH LL Paving for the City of Port Washington and Wisconsin Department of Transportation Surface Transportation Program applications.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

December 18, 2025

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Supervisor Vogel, seconded by Supervisor Strom to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 AM.

Lisa M. Henning, Chief Deputy County Clerk

