



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

A 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, Building Superintendent Tackes, Planning & Parks Director Struck, Sheriff Knowles (8:05 AM) and Chief Deputy County Clerk Henning

Others present: Scott Fischer, Supervisor Arnett, James Reynolds and Christina Luick - News Graphic

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 Mr. Reynolds can comment under the CTH T (Lakefield Road) Speed Limit action item. There was no other public comment.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 22, 2026

Motion:	Motion to approve the January 22, 2026 minutes as submitted.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Tom Grabow
Seconded by:	Daniel Vogel
Ayes:	Marty Wolf, Tom Grabow, Justin Strom, Tom Bichler, Daniel Vogel
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

Chairperson Wolf requested to move ahead in the agenda to Item #8.a.1 - CTH T (Lakefield Road) Speed Limit. There were no objections.

8:05 AM Sheriff Knowles joined the meeting.

5. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Recommendation of Public Works Capital Projects to the Executive Committee

Mr. Dzwinel and Mr. Tackes reviewed the project and staff recommendation and answered questions.

Motion:	Motion to support the staff recommendation of the Justice Center Public Elevator Update. This recommendation will move forward to the Executive Committee for further action.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Justin Strom
Seconded by:	Tom Bichler
Ayes:	Marty Wolf, Tom Grabow, Justin Strom, Tom Bichler, Daniel Vogel
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

6. FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

- a. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

- 1. Facilities Financials - Feb 2026

There were no questions.

7. TRANSIT SERVICES

- a. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

- 1. Transit Ridership - Feb 2026

Question on January fare calculation.

- 2. Transit Financials - Feb 2026

Update on staffing.

8. HIGHWAYS

- a. Action Items

- 1. CTH T (Lakefield Road) Speed Limit

Mr. Edgren explained that, upon a resident's request to reduce the speed limit of CTH T (Lakefield Road) from 45 MPH to 35 MPH, a speed study was conducted from Struck Lane to Green Bay Road. Currently, the speed limit is 55 MPH east of Green Bay Road, 45 MPH west of Green Bay Road and drops to 25 MPH at Struck Lane in the City of Cedarburg. The speed study, presented to the Traffic Safety Commission (TSC) in July 2025, showed good compliance with the 45 MPH speed limit as 85% of the vehicles were going 49 MPH or less; and, therefore, the TSC did not make any changes.

At the October 2025 and January 2026 TSC meetings, reconsideration of the speed limit reduction was requested by several City of Cedarburg officials and residents. After discussion and no motion to approve a speed limit change, the item was approved to be forwarded to the Public Works Committee with no recommendation.

Mr. Reynolds, who resides on Lakefield Road, expressed concern as this stretch of road is rarely patrolled and traffic consistently exceeds the existing speed limit.

Supervisor Arnett presented a letter from the City of Cedarburg mayor who supports the request for the speed limit change. The City of Cedarburg is looking for an accommodation to change the section that is currently at 45 MPH down to 35 MPH. Discussion on the possibility of performing another speed limit study and proceed with the recommendation of the State of Wisconsin.

Sheriff Knowles has been in contact with Chief McNerney regarding this request and agrees that this is a safety issue. Sheriff Knowles' concern is traffic enforcement from the county side as this is an area that would be difficult to monitor on a regular basis.

Discussion on the current speed limit, speed study data, no reported accidents in this stretch, driver behavior, the 85th percentile rule and a common sense approach to the request for a 10 MPH reduction due to the support of the City of Cedarburg mayor, police chief and residents.

Chairperson Wolf requested a roll call vote on the motion (see motion in box below). Bichler - No, Grabow - No, Strom - No, Vogel - Aye, Wolf - Aye

Motion:	Motion to reduce the speed limit from 45 MPH to 35 MPH.
Result:	Failed
Moved by:	Daniel Vogel
Seconded by:	Marty Wolf
Ayes:	Marty Wolf, Daniel Vogel
Nays:	Tom Grabow, Justin Strom, Tom Bichler
Abstain:	None

Chairperson Wolf reverted to the order of the agenda.

2. CTH W Engineering & Right-of-Way Acquisition Amendments

Mr. Struck stated, that as part of a required Archeological Investigation, findings have required the shifting of the proposed oxbow drainage feature significantly east out of the proposed extended right-of-way and permanent easement.

Questions on cost of the entire project.

Motion:	Motion to approve raSmith, Inc.'s Amendment to Agreement and CORRE's Right of Way Acquisition Amendment for the CTH W Reconstruction project for \$8,000.
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

3. Trailer Purchase

Motion:	Motion to approve the purchase of the Diamond C Trailer HXD from Bruggink's Inc. for \$17,500 as recommended by staff.
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Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Daniel Vogel
Seconded by:	Tom Bichler
Ayes:	Marty Wolf, Tom Grabow, Justin Strom, Tom Bichler, Daniel Vogel
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

4. Resolution: Town Road Bridge Aid for Town of Saukville's Cedar Sauk Road Bridge

Motion:	Motion to approve the resolution for the Town of Saukville's Town Road Bridge Aid request for Cedar Sauk Road Bridge. This resolution will move forward to the County Board for final action.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Justin Strom
Seconded by:	Tom Grabow
Ayes:	Marty Wolf, Tom Grabow, Justin Strom, Tom Bichler, Daniel Vogel
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

5. Resolution: Ozaukee County Rural Area Functional Classification Updates

Mr. Edgren explained the requested classification change from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation based on the decennial census data.

Questions on whether roads would need upgrading.

Motion:	Motion to approve the resolution approving the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's update to the rural functional classification system in Ozaukee County. This resolution will move forward to the County Board for final action.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Justin Strom
Seconded by:	Tom Grabow
Ayes:	Marty Wolf, Tom Grabow, Justin Strom, Tom Bichler, Daniel Vogel
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

6. Resolution: Urging the Governor of Wisconsin and the State Legislature to Enact a Comprehensive, Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution

Motion:	Motion to approve the resolution urging the Governor of Wisconsin and the State Legislature to establish a comprehensive, sustainable long-term funding solution for Wisconsin's Transportation Fund. This resolution will move forward to the County Board for final action.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Tom Bichler
Seconded by:	Tomo Grabow
Ayes:	Marty Wolf, Tom Grabow, Justin Strom, Tom Bichler, Daniel Vogel
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

b. Discussion Items

1. We Energies Easement at Justice Center

Mr. Edgren explained that Hollander Chocolate Company has requested a large electrical service upgrade from We Energies for an Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging system and that We Energies is reviewing potential options to bring 24.9Kv voltage to Hollander Chocolate. We Energies is considering a few alternatives, but the route presented seems best for electrical distribution planning, future usage, extensions, etc. according to a We Energies representative.

We Energies is seeking feedback from Ozaukee County regarding the possibility of granting an easement, outside the road right-of-way, on Ozaukee County property.

Questions about the potential for future development on the property and whether We Energies will provide any compensation. Committee members agree that compensation should be requested for granting the easement.

c. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

1. Highway Financials - Feb 2026

There were no questions regarding financials.

Questions on Construction Report - Completed Projects.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

March 19, 2026

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Supervisor Bichler, seconded by Supervisor Grabow to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 AM.

Lisa M. Henning, Chief Deputy County Clerk