



PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting

MAY 21, 2026

1. Call to Order

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

Present	Supervisor Tom Grabow, Supervisor Justin Strom, Supervisor Tom Bichler, Supervisor Scott Fischer, Supervisor Kevin Kennedy
Absent	None
Excused	None

Staff present: County Administrator Dzwinel, Human Resources Director McDonell, Project Manager/Construction Superintendent Guettel, Patrol Superintendent Borden, Transit Superintendent Zutz, Program Manager Aho, Building Superintendent Tackes, and County Clerk Kretlow.

Others present: Dan Benson - Ozaukee Press

2. Proper Notice

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

3. Staff and Committee Introductions

Committee members and staff introduced themselves.

4. Public Comments, Correspondence, Communications

There were none.

5. Approval of Minutes

March 19, 2026

Motion:	Motion to approve the March 19, 2026 minutes as submitted.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Tom Grabow
Seconded by:	Justin Strom
Ayes:	Tom Grabow, Justin Strom, Tom Bichler, Scott Fischer, Kevin Kennedy
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

6. Facilities Management

a. Action Items

1. Fairground Tamarack Trees

This item was discussed at the November 20, 2025 Public Works Committee (PWC) meeting at which staff was directed to review innovative solutions and potential costs and report back to the PWC.

Cedarburg Foreman Schlessinger estimates \$4,000 for County staff to remove 10-15 Tamarack trees and Mr. Dandy received a private quote for \$8,000 for removal of 16 Tamarack trees.

Discussion by the committee and questions answered by Mr. Dzwinel and Mr. Tackes.

Motion by Supervisor Strom, seconded by Supervisor Grabow to deny the request for the County to cover the full cost to remove the Tamarack trees. Roll Call vote taken: Ayes — Strom, Grabow; Nays — Fischer, Bichler, Kennedy. Motion Failed.

Motion:	Motion to deny the request by Mr. Dandy and instruct staff to go back to the resident, and seek his approval in splitting the cost for tree removal and remediation (stump removal, plant seed).
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Kevin Kennedy
Seconded by:	Tom Bichler
Ayes:	Tom Grabow, Justin Strom, Tom Bichler, Scott Fischer, Kevin Kennedy
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

2. Ascension Columbia-St. Mary's Expo Center Audio-Visual Update

Mr. Tackes noted the system was originally installed in 2012/2013.

Motion:	Motion to approve Horizon Integration's Audio-Visual Refresh proposal for \$44,000.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Tom Bichler
Seconded by:	Tom Grabow
Ayes:	Tom Grabow, Justin Strom, Tom Bichler, Scott Fischer, Kevin Kennedy
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

3. Fairground's Zero Turn Lawn Mower

Motion:	Motion to approve the purchase of the Kubota ZD1211 from Lochen Equipment for up to \$20,000.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Kevin Kennedy
Seconded by:	Tom Bichler
Ayes:	Tom Grabow, Justin Strom, Tom Bichler, Scott Fischer, Kevin Kennedy
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

b. Discussion Items

1. Pavilion Decorative Wall

The Pavilion was originally constructed in the 1990s and expanded in 2013, which included the addition of an architectural stone wall. During a roof replacement project in 2023, several cracks and areas of

missing brick were identified on the decorative wall. It is believed that the materials originally used for the wall are not well-suited to exterior conditions. Temporary repairs, including replacing missing stones, installing flashing, and repairing cracks, have been completed to help prevent further leaks.

Staff is seeking direction from the Public Works Committee regarding a long-term solution for the decorative wall. Potential options include:

1. Replace the stone with siding; or
2. Replace the existing stone with brick designed for exterior use.

After discussion with staff, the committee directs staff towards option 2, looking for bids, preferably stone with mortar.

c. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

Review and explanation of budget lines for new supervisors.

7. Transit Services

a. Discussion Items

1. GO Riteway Amendment Request

Ms. Zutz informed committee members that Go-Riteway plans to change operating hours from midnight to 10:00 pm and is looking for feedback. Discussion followed with Ms. Zutz answering questions by the committee. This will come back as an action item at the June meeting.

b. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

Discussion and questions answered by Ms. Zutz.

8. Highways

a. Action Items

1. Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Municipal Road and Street Services relating to the Vantage Project

Motion:	Motion to approve the City of Port Washington Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Municipal Road and Street Services Relating to Vantage Project.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Justin Strom
Seconded by:	Tom Bichler
Ayes:	Tom Grabow, Justin Strom, Tom Bichler, Scott Fischer, Kevin Kennedy
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

2. CTH Y Road Closure for Newburg Fireman's Parade

Motion:	Motion to approve the CTH Y closure as proposed conditionally upon the Village of Newburg's acceptance of responsibility, and Town of Saukville's authorization to use Singing Hill Road as a detour route.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Tom Grabow
Seconded by:	Kevin Kennedy
Ayes:	Tom Grabow, Justin Strom, Tom Bichler, Scott Fischer, Kevin Kennedy
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

3. Backhoe Compactor Purchase

Based upon future Planning & Parks workload, Director Struck has agreed to cover \$8,000 of the compactor cost through the construction grant. In addition, the rental agency has already applied the previously committed rental payment of \$1500 toward the purchase cost. As a result, the Ozaukee County Highway Department is responsible for \$3,642 of the total compactor cost.

Motion:	Motion to approve the purchase of the Indeco IHC150 Compactor from Miller-Bradford & Risberg for \$13,142.01.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Tom Bichler
Seconded by:	Scott Fischer
Ayes:	Tom Grabow, Justin Strom, Tom Bichler, Scott Fischer, Kevin Kennedy
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

4. CTH W Bid Award

Motion:	Motion to award the CTH W Base Bid and Alternate Section 3 to Vinton Construction for \$2,054,362.66.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Kevin Kennedy
Seconded by:	Tom Bichler
Ayes:	Tom Grabow, Justin Strom, Tom Bichler, Scott Fischer, Kevin Kennedy
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

5. Ordinance: Create Section 6.05 of the Ozaukee County Code of Ordinances - Highway Department Municipal Contracts

Mr. Dzwinel provided background information for the creation of this ordinance. This ordinance does not create new regulatory requirements for municipalities or residents. Instead, it provides a formal framework for cooperative public works arrangements already contemplated under Wisconsin law.

Motion:	Motion to approve creating Section 6.05 of the Ozaukee County Code of Ordinances — Highway Department Municipal Contracts. This ordinance will move forward to the County Board for final action.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Tom Bichler
Seconded by:	Scott Fischer
Ayes:	Tom Grabow, Justin Strom, Tom Bichler, Scott Fischer, Kevin Kennedy
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

6. CTH W Wetland Mitigation Credit Purchase

Motion:	Motion to authorize the Public Works Director to purchase wetland mitigation credits up to \$375,000 for the CTH W project.
Result:	Passed
Moved by:	Tom Bichler
Seconded by:	Scott Fischer
Ayes:	Tom Grabow, Justin Strom, Tom Bichler, Scott Fischer, Kevin Kennedy
Nays:	None
Abstain:	None

b. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

There were no questions.

9. Next Meeting Date

Set Meeting Day & Time

Thursday, June 18, 2026 - 8:00 AM

The Public Works Committee meetings will remain on the Thursday after the 3rd Wednesday County Board meeting at 8:00 AM.

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Supervisor Strom, seconded by Supervisor Kennedy to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 AM.

Kellie R. Kretlow, County Clerk