

LINCOLN COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 5, 2026 - 4:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting Called to order by Chairman Simon at 4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Gene Simon, Marguerite Lyskawa, Randy Detert, Marty Lemke and Ken Wickham.
Visitors Present: Jason Lemmer (Highway Commissioner), Renee Krueger (Administrative Coordinator), Heather Marheine (Finance Director), Todd Bishop, Darren Lemke, Missy Lemke, Lucas Williams(Director of Forestry), Tracy Breckheimer

2. Public Comment

None

3. Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings

M/S Wickham/Lyskawa to approve Minutes from the February 5, 2026, meeting. All Ayes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

a. February 5, 2026

4. Set Future Meeting(s)

a. Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 4:30 p.m., Rm 247, Service Center

b. Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 4:30 p.m., Rm 247, Service Center

5. Service Recognitions

a. Darren Lemke - 25 years of Service

Per Lemmer, Darren Lemke has been with the Highway Department for 25 years. He is our Lab Technician, Engineer, Lay-out person and has a plow route. Darren is a very important person to the County. Simon expressed the Committee's appreciation for Darren's years of service.

6. Claims - General Services

We had a plow truck rear ended on 2/20/26. Person in the car was injured and a fair amount of damage to our truck.

7. Financial Report/Vouchers

a. Financial Reports

Winter started strong, but we have had some better weather recently. We are working on getting pits ready for crushing.

b. Vouchers

8. Request for Proposals

a. Asphalt Material Bid

Per Lemmer, these bids were tight. Recommendations are American Asphalt for CTH YY and CTH W, and

Northeast Asphalt for CTH CC. Would like the OK from the Committee to use the other if one of the suppliers moves out of the area that is being constructed.

M/S Wickham/Detert to authorize the use of asphalt suppliers per Lemmer's recommendations. All Ayes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

b. Dense Base Material Bids

The recommendation is to get Dense Base Material as needed from James Peterson for CTH YY.

M/S Detert/Wickham to accept the use of James Peterson for CTH YY. All Ayes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

c. Gravel Crushing Bid

Requests were put out for CTH T, Wilderness and Theis pits. The recommendation is to use Slobodnik for crushing at these pits.

M/S Detert/Lyskawa to accept Slobodnik for gravel crushing this year. All Ayes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

d. Pulverizing Bid

Recommendation is to use Haas for pulverizing this year.

M/S Wickham/Lyskawa to accept Haas for pulverizing for 2026. All Ayes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

9. Update on Representative from DOT Maintenance

Lemmer has spoken with Shannon Riley from the DOT. He is open to coming to a meeting at some point in the future. There will be several individuals doing a recorded presentation at the Spring Commissioner's meeting so that everyone can receive the same information. Wickham shared an informational printout and where to go to see the scheduled construction plans for the state.

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/6d06e54fcee4ac08aa843f827c4d944/page/-Six-Year-Improvement-Program>

10. Forestry Department Discussion on Shared Facilities

Lucas Williams from the Forestry Department shared his thoughts on sharing space with the Highway department. He included pros and cons for the Tomahawk, Merrill and Irma locations. Simon suggested the committee tour the Forestry shop to see what their facilities currently are. Discussion followed.

Norm from Land Services prepared a Location Analysis that maps the travel distances and times from our current building locations to all roads serviced by the Highway Department.

11. Budget Modifications

a. 2025 Budget

This Budget Modification is to move funds to cover the Winter overage.

M/S Wickham/Lyskawa to approve the 2025 and 2026 Budget Modifications. All Ayes. Motion carried on a voice vote.

b. 2026 Budget

12. Future Purchasing through Sourcewell

Lemmer would like to start making purchases through Sourcewell. Sourcewell is a cooperative and purchases of this type are allowed under WI State Statute #16.73.

13. Highway Employees

a. Openings and New Hires

We are still down 4 full time staff. Everyone is stepping up and doing a great job covering. Nicole Blott has been working for 4 weeks as Kris's replacement. She is doing a great job. We are looking to hire up to 4 summer LTE staff.

b. CDL Training

Nothing new to report.

14. Commissioner's Report on Highway Operations

There have been several meetings with the DOT to discuss road conditions and what can be done to improve them.

15. Items for Next Meeting Agenda

Update Highway Committee on any new findings with Sourcewell.

Highway Facilities.

a. Spring Commissioner's Training

Jason will be attending. Does not need to be on the next agenda.

b. Spring Weight Limits

Lincoln County weight limits begin Monday, March 9 at 8 a.m. This does not need to be on the next agenda.

16. Adjourn

Chairman Simon adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.