

LINCOLN COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 6, 2026 - 4:30 PM

MINUTES

1. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Nelson at 4:30 PM

Member Present: Don Nelson, Joe Dorava, Marty Lemke, Randy Detert, Elizabeth McCrank

Members Absent:

Visitors Present: Jason Lemmer, Todd Bishop, Tracy Breckheimer, Patrick Gierl

2. Approve the Agenda

M/S Dorava/McCrank to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings

a. July Minutes

M/S Dorava/McCrank to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by a voice vote.

5. Set Future Meeting(s)

Thursday, September 3, 2026

Thursday, October, 1, 2026

6. Service Recognitions

None

7. Claims - General Services

Nothing new.

8. Financial Report/Vouchers

a. Financial Report

Financials were discussed.

b. Vouchers 6.30-7.28

McCrank asked about what several of the larger dollar vouchers were for. These included asphalt, bridge inspections and blades for snow plows.

9. Approval of Emergency Cost Share

a. Town of Wilson - Somo Dam Road

Per Lemmer, this culvert is failing faster than expected and has become a safety concern. Discussion followed.

M/S Detert/Dorava to approve repair of the Somo Dam Road culvert in the Town of Wilson for approximately \$30,000. Motion carried on a voice vote.

10. Discussion on Swamp Road Land Parcel of 160 Acres

McCrank suggested that we contact the other departments to be sure they are not interested in this property. Other members also suggested that, in the meantime, we keep moving forward with the intent of selling.

11. Approve Attendance for Chems Training

Lemmer presented the schedule and timing for the upcoming CHEMS conference. Discussion followed.

M/S McCrank/Lemke made a motion to approve attendance and overnight stay of Highway personnel at the CHEMS meeting in October. Motion carried on a voice vote.

12. Invite Public Property Committee Regarding: Resolution Discussion

There was discussion of Resolution 2026-07-XX. The committee agreed that the resolution was passed by the Public Property committee and the Highway committee previously. The resolution should now go to the full County Board.

13. Highway Employees

a. Openings and New Hires

We currently have 5 openings. Several new hires in the pipeline and others will be interviewed shortly.

b. CDL Training

We will be sending 2 new employees for CDL training as part of a pilot program.

14. Commissioner's Report on Highway Operations

Per Lemmer, the well has been taken care of at USH 8 and CTH A. CTH O Bridge is still closed, but progress is being made. CTH YY is progressing, shouldering and some painting needs to be done. During the annual inspection of the County Highway M Bridge (B350079), serious deterioration of the steel piles at the water line was observed, requiring an emergency load posting of 10 Ton. The bridge would not be able to be maintained in winter, resulting in closure of the structure. An agreement has been signed with MSA for a cost of \$58,000 to complete the engineering work needed. The repair cost will be roughly \$267,000. The plan is to have these repairs done before the end of the year.

Per Bishop the bridge on STH 86 is going to be repaired next week. STH 17 repairs should be started in August.

Per Detert, the public is very upset and vocal about the state of STH 17.

CTH D will be closed 8/10 (opened 8/11 for voting) and then closed the rest of that week and the next.

15. Items for Next Meeting Agenda

16. Adjourn

M/S Dorava/Lemke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:09pm.