

**Chippewa County
Highway Committee
Regular Meeting
March 25, 2026
Chippewa County Courthouse, Room 302
10:00 AM**

1. Call to Order

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

2. Roll Call

Members Present:
Peter Gehring, Matthew Peterson, Joseph Roshell, George Rohmeyer, Jr.
Members Absent:
James Flater
Others Present:
Chris Elstran, Shane Birtzer, Fred Anderson, Joe Gutowski, Andy Albarado, Marla Prissel, Paul Krumenauer, Josh Downs, Charlie Parkhurst, Dennis Bachman, Leah Simington, Chuck Hassemer

3. Members of the Public Wishing to Be Heard

(Comments will be limited to 5 minutes per speaker.)

Charlie Parkhurst — Spoke in support of the Eagle Point ATV Club's ATV/UTV route applications for CTH Q (south of Tilden), CTH B, CTH Q (north of Tilden), and CTH F.

Josh Downs — Spoke regarding the two ATV/UTV route applications from the Lafayette ATV club.

4. Consent Agenda

(Unless separation of an item is requested, all items will be adopted under one motion.)

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	George Rohmeyer, Jr.
Second:	Joseph Roshell
Ayes:	Peter Gehring, Matthew Peterson, Joseph Roshell, George Rohmeyer, Jr.
Nays:	None
Absent:	James Flater

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes - February 25, 2026
3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - May 27, 2026

5. Reports

1. Highway Commissioner Report — Chris Elstran
 - A. Dashboard Review

Highway Commissioner Elstran reviewed the Highway Department dashboard.

B. Financial Reports

Elstran gave reports on highway funds, highway construction, bridge construction, and county aid bridges.

C. Spring Weight Restrictions Update

Elstran shared that seasonal weight restrictions remain in effect.

D. Farming in R/W Letters

Elstran noted that certified letters have been sent to ten farms with crops encroaching into the County Highway ROW. All but one has been signed for. The remaining letter will be resent next week if delivery confirmation is not received.

E. WCHA Legislative Day Update

Elstran reported to the committee on his recent visit to Madison to participate in the WCHA Legislative Day.

F. County Hwy M Bridge Funding

Elstran advised the committee that efforts to secure funding for this project are ongoing.

2. Sustainable Funding — Chris Elstran

The committee agreed to postpone this discussion until the May meeting, in consideration of possible committee changes that may occur after the election.

3. Annual Review of Existing ATV Routes — Chris Elstran / Paul Krumenauer

Elstran and Krumenauer discussed the past year's activity and issues related to existing ATV/UTV routes, noting the positive and cooperative working relationship between the County and the ATV Council.

6. Business Items

1. Ordinance to Amend Section 58-39(c) of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances Designating All-Terrain and Utility Terrain Vehicle Routes — Chris Elstran

Elstran reviewed four route applications that meet the County's requirements, along with the corresponding map outlining the County highway segments to be potentially opened for ATV/UTV traffic.

Motion (Peterson/Roshell) to amend the proposed ordinance to correct #4 on the Statement of Explanation and change "Town of Anson" to "Town of Tilden" and to forward the amended ordinance to the County Board. Carried 5-0.

This item was reviewed by the committee and will be forwarded to the County Board for review at the April 21, 2026 meeting.

Motion:	Forwarded to the County Board
Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	Matthew Peterson
Second:	Joseph Roshell
Ayes:	Peter Gehring, Matthew Peterson, Joseph Roshell, George Rohmeyer, Jr.

Nayes:	None
Absent:	James Flater

2. Ordinance to Amend Section 58-31 of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances Regarding Speed Zones — Chris Elstran

Elstran reviewed the proposed ordinance change regarding speed zones. A map of the proposed change was shown. Supervisor Rohmeyer made a motion to approve the ordinance changes and forward on to the County Board. Supervisor Roshell seconded the motion.

This item was reviewed by the committee and will be forwarded to the County Board for review at the April 21, 2026 meeting.

Motion:	Forwarded to the County Board
Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	George Rohmeyer, Jr.
Second:	Joseph Roshell
Ayes:	Peter Gehring, Matthew Peterson, Joseph Roshell, George Rohmeyer, Jr.
Nayes:	None
Absent:	James Flater

7. Agenda Items for Future Consideration

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 11:02 AM

Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	Matthew Peterson
Second:	Joseph Roshell
Ayes:	Peter Gehring, Matthew Peterson, Joseph Roshell, George Rohmeyer, Jr.
Absent:	James Flater