

**Chippewa County
Highway Committee
Regular Meeting
May 27, 2026
Chippewa County Courthouse, Room 302
10:00 AM**

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Members Present:

James Flater, Peter Gehring, Matthew Peterson, Joseph Roshell, George Rohmeyer, Jr.

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Chris Elstran, Fred Anderson, Shane Birtzer, Joe Gutowski, Marla Prissel, Andy Albarado, Paul Krumenauer, Bryan Olichwier, Darrin Kirby, Dennis Bachman, Karen Lotts, Nina Eisold, Traci Bremness, Leah Simington, Chuck Hassemer

3. Members of the Public Wishing to Be Heard

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

4. Consent Agenda

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

Motion: Approved

Result: (5 - 0)

Mover: Joseph Roshell

Second: Peter Gehring

Ayes: James Flater, Peter Gehring, Matthew Peterson, Joseph Roshell, George Rohmeyer, Jr.

Nays: None

Absent: None

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes — March 25, 2026

5. Reports

1. Highway Committee Orientation - Chris Elstran

A. Highway Department Organizational Chart

Highway Commissioner Elstran reviewed the current Highway Department organizational chart.

2. Highway Commissioner Report - Chris Elstran

A. Year End Financial Report

Elstran shared the final audited 2025 year-end financial report and reviewed and discussed last year's final figures for the equipment budget, revenues and depreciation. Elstran encouraged committee

members to reach out with any further questions.

B. Financial Report

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

C. Dashboard Review

Elstran reviewed the Highway Department dashboard.

3. CTH M Bridge Funding Application to Senator Baldwin - Chris Elstran

Elstran gave an update on an application for funding that was submitted to Senator Baldwin's office.

4. Requested Speed Reduction on CTH H (north side of Stanley) — Chris Elstran

Elstran outlined a request for a speed reduction on CTH H on the North side of Stanley. The request was brought to the County Traffic Safety Commission meeting earlier this month. The Highway Department is evaluating the request, which will return to the Highway Committee for a future vote.

5. Requested Speed Reduction on CTH H near 40th Ave. (Amish school) - Chris Elstran

Elstran also reviewed another request for a speed reduction on CTH H near 40th Avenue, close to the site of a new Amish School building. This request is currently under review by the Highway Department.

6. Farming in Right-of-Way Update — Chris Elstran

Elstran reported on Farming in the Right-of-Way. Staff will continue to monitor the situation.

7. Requested Temporary No Parking Zone on CTH S for Sturgeon Fest — Chris Elstran

Elstran reported to the committee on the planned temporary placement of "No Parking" signs in the Town of Anson on CTH S in connection with their upcoming Sturgeon Fest event.

8. County Construction Project Schedule — Shane Birtzer

Birtzer provided an overview of the County construction project schedule. The schedule is published on the Highway Department website and is updated throughout the construction season.

9. CTH T Update - Fred Anderson

Anderson updated the committee on progress with the CTH T project. A public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at The Crescent on the Country Jam grounds.

Information is also available for review on the Chippewa County Highway Department website:

<https://www.chippewacountywi.gov/292/CTH-T-Corridor-Expansion>

6. Business Items

1. Establish Regular Meeting Dates and Times — James Flater

Following discussion, the committee agreed to maintain the current meeting schedule.

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (5 - 0)
Mover:	Peter Gehring

Second:	Joseph Roshell
Ayes:	James Flater, Peter Gehring, Matthew Peterson, Joseph Roshell, George Rohmeyer, Jr.
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

2. Chippewa County Board of Supervisors Proposed Resolution for WCA Consideration

Resolution Seeking Authorization From the Wisconsin State Legislature for Wisconsin Counties to Adopt an Additional .5% Sales Tax For Road and Bridge Infrastructure — Chris Elstran / Andy Albarado

Supervisor Flater outlined a resolution that, if approved, would authorize the Wisconsin Counties Association to request that the Wisconsin State Legislation authorize counties to adopt an additional 0.5 % sales tax dedicated to road and bridge infrastructure. The committee discussed the limitations of current funding and how the resulting maintenance cycle compares to the recommended cycle.

This item was reviewed by the committee and will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for review at the June 2, 2026 meeting.

Motion:	Referred to Executive Committee
Result:	Passed (5 - 0)
Mover:	Peter Gehring
Second:	Matthew Peterson
Ayes:	James Flater, Peter Gehring, Matthew Peterson, Joseph Roshell, George Rohmeyer, Jr.
Nays:	None
Absent:	None

7. **Agenda Items for Future Consideration**

8. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at: 10:56 AM

Result:	Passed (5 - 0)
Mover:	Matthew Peterson
Second:	Joseph Roshell
Ayes:	James Flater, Peter Gehring, Matthew Peterson, Joseph Roshell, George Rohmeyer, Jr.
Absent:	None