

**Chippewa County
Highway Committee
Regular Meeting
July 22, 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, George Rohmeyer, Jr.

Members Absent:

Joseph Roshell

Others Present:

Chris Elstran, Shane Birtzer, Fred Anderson, Joe Gutowski, Andy Albarado, Marla Prissel, Paul Krumenauer, Dennis Bachman, Chuck Hassemer, Leah Simington, Pam Guthman

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: Passed (4 - 0)

Mover: George Rohmeyer, Jr.

Second: Peter Gehring

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

Nays: None

Absent: Joseph Roshell

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes - June 24, 2026 10:00 AM
3. Schedule Next Meeting Date — August 26, 2026 10:00 AM

5. Reports

1. Highway Commissioner Report — Chris Elstran

A. Financial Report

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

B. Dashboard Review

Elstran reviewed the Highway Department dashboard.

C. CTH T Public Hearing Update

Elstran provided a review of the CTH T Public Hearing held June 24, 2026.

2. County Construction Project Updates — 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.

3. New Parallel Parking Only Signs to be Installed on CTH S — Chris Elstran

Elstran reported that “Parallel Parking Only” signage will be placed along CTH S near the 1917 restaurant. He explained that, per state statute, no other parking configuration is permitted.

4. Enbridge CTH VV Road Use Request — Chris Elstran

Elstran informed the committee that a pipeline company had inquired about obtaining a waiver to drive overweight vehicles on CTH VV including during the spring road ban. The company has now decided not to move forward with the proposal.

6. Business Items

1. Highway Department 2027 Budget — Chris Elstran

Elstran reviewed the proposed 2027 Highway Department budget and provided a summary of revenues and expenditures for each fund. This item will be forwarded to the County Administrator to be incorporated into the budget.

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

2. November & December Committee Meeting Dates — Chris Elstran

The Committee discussed November and December meeting dates in proximity to the holidays. It was decided that the meetings will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. and Wednesday, December 16, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

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

7. Agenda Items for Future Consideration

Gehring commented on a discussion from the Legal & Law Enforcement Committee meeting regarding signs placed within the highway right-of-way. Elstran provided information on standard Highway Department

procedures.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 10:52 AM

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