

HIGHWAY, AIRPORT AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

April 2, 2026

The Highway, Airport and Facilities Committee held a meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2026, at the Fond du Lac County Highway Department, 1820 S. Hickory Street, Fond du Lac.

Karen Madigan: 8:30-9:52 a.m.
Dennis N. Stenz: Excused
Michael J. Will: 8:30-9:52 a.m.

John J. Rickert: 8:30-9:52 a.m.
Michael J. Streetar: 8:30-9:52 a.m.

Also present were Sam Kaufman, Tom Janke, Meggin McNamara, Bryan Linger, Lisa Freiberg and Laura DeGolier.

1. Call meeting to order.

Vice Chair Will called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Approve minutes of the March 5, 2026, meeting.

Motion (Madigan/Streetar) to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

3. Members of the public who wish to address the committee must register their requests with the chair to speak on a specific agenda item for a period not to exceed three minutes. Pursuant to Wisconsin open meeting laws, members of the committee are not permitted to engage in discussion with a speaker during the public comment period. All public comments are subject to the reasonable control of the committee chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

There was no public comment.

Airport

4. Discussion and action on the request from a resident to obtain access through a section of airport property to their lot off Rogersville Road.

Airport Manager Bryan Linger explained the request.

Motion (Streetar/Rickert) to deny the request. Motion carried.

5. Department report.

Mr. Linger explained the City of Fond du Lac is interested in renting the remaining farmland at the Airport. A presentation by the City of Fond du Lac Wastewater Treatment & Resource Recovery will be included on a future agenda.

Highway Department.

6. Accept and place on file asphalt bids received March 10, 2026, as published in the Fond du Lac Reporter on February 20 and 27, 2026, paving program including future Hot Mix Asphalt only LRIP projects.

Motion (Streetar/Rickert) to accept and place on file asphalt bids. Motion carried.

7. Discuss request from the Village of Oakfield to purchase a 2013 Western Star Truck that is planned to be replaced.

The Village of Oakfield is interested in the truck. A communication will be sent to the 33 Fond du Lac County municipalities to let them know the availability of the sale of the truck, along with the asking price of \$98,000.

8. Update on the purchase of replacement salt brine tanks for existing trucks.

Highway Commissioner Tom Janke provided explanation on not moving forward with the replacement of salt brine tanks at this time; and try to get more use out of them.

9. Update on current highway projects and maintenance.

Commissioner Janke highlighted on the following:

- The recent blizzard event on March 15 and 16 had crews working extended hours with at times, zero visibility. Drifts as high as truck cabs were in parts of the county roadways; resulting in dispatching the loader with blower and the Oshkosh V plow trucks out to open sections of roadways. There was an incident where one of the plow trucks did get stuck off the shoulder, resulting in a tow truck to pull it out.
- The bids came in for Olden Road slightly under engineers' estimation. The respective Town's will be awarding the project to the low bidder on April 14.

- A Microsoft Teams Local Officials meeting is scheduled April 8, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. in regards to the WIS 23 and CTH T roundabout.
 - State Highway 26 and CTH TC roundabout update.
 - Scott Street overpass update.
 - CTH VVV reconstruction update – concrete curb and gutter bids received along with electrical bids for street lighting; with bids coming in within current budget.
 - CTH K reconstruct update – utility relocation is occurring.
 - CTH T from CTH K east 1.25 miles pulverize project will begin soon.
 - CTH F & CTH HHH will also be upcoming pulverize projects. Current budget includes just under 11 miles of paving for this year.
 - The RFP's for CTH W in Johnsburg design services were due April 1, 2026.
10. Update on equipment purchases.
The 2 scissor lifts arrived, which will be used for truck washing. The Superintendent trucks have arrived. The surveyors cap and organizer has been ordered; along with a 5-man cab truck.
11. Commissioner's report.
Commissioner Janke highlighted on the following:
- Work Zone Awareness is April 20-24, 2026.
 - Personnel update.
 - A cleaning service contractor has been contacted to provide a cost for cleaning of the facilities.
 - The Village of North Fond du Lac has received a request to reduce the speed to 45 mph on Rolling Meadows Drive between Scott Street (CTH 000) and CTH 00.
 - WISDOT is moving closer to using solar salt for salt brine making. This will cost an additional \$35/ton but will save on maintenance costs with the salt brine maker. The county would look to purchase 700 tons, along with the State's 700 tons. WisDOT will bid out in the next month.
 - Saputo Cheese in Alto is moving ahead with installing pedestrian crossing signs at their facility on CTH EE.
 - WISDOT will be invited to an upcoming committee meeting.
 - Commissioner Janke attended a recent Commissioner training.
12. Railroad issues.
Commissioner Janke provided explanation on the railroad crossing on Pioneer Road (CTH VVV) that will be part of the reconstruction project in that corridor.
The ruling from the Office of the Commissioner of Railroad on the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad, LLC tracks with Douglas Street in the town and city of Ripon was provided to the committee
13. Review invoices.
Invoices were provided for review.
14. Future agenda items and meeting date.
A date will be set when the committee reorganizes April 28, 2026.
15. Adjournment.
Motion (Streeter/Rickert) to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Freiberg
Fond du Lac County Clerk