



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

PORTAGE COUNTY ANNEX
CONFERENCE ROOMS 1 & 2
1462 STRONGS AVENUE
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

3:30 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Highway Committee was called to order by Chair D. Ladick at 3:30pm.

Members Present: Chair D. Ladick, Vice Chair S. Cieslewicz, Member M. Jacowski, Member S. Potocki, Member A. Schwartz Others Attending: Nathan Check, Kristen Hancock, Corey Giese, Lucas Meddaugh, John Pavelski, Amanda Haffele, Jim Grezinski, Ralph Hamel, Jennifer Jossie (Remote)

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Portage County Highway Department Seasonal Weight Limit Variance Permit Policy

Update Only

2. WI Transportation Bulletin No 8 – Using Weight Limits to Protect Local Roads

Update Only

3. WisDOT Email regarding Coordination Document

Update Only

4. Resolution for Support for Enacting a Comprehensive, Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution

Update Only

5. The Transportation Fund Dilemma TDA Presentation Information

Update Only

PRESENTATIONS

REPORTS

6. Special Meeting Attendance Reports (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

Member A. Schwartz attended an SSFA Meeting on 1/12/2026

7. Commissioner's Report

Update Only

8. Report on Purchase Under \$25k – 2026 Equipment Purchase – Ironworker

Update Only

PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time, with such comments subject to the public comment ordinance and the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9. Approval of December 16, 2025 Minutes

A motion was made by Member A. Schwartz, Seconded by Member S. Potocki to approve the minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

10. Discussion and Possible Action on 2026 Seasonal Weight Limit Variance Permit – James Grezenski Forest Products, Inc.

A motion was made by Member M. Jacowski, Seconded by Member S. Potocki to approve a Seasonal Weight Limit Variance Permit – James Grezenski Forest Products, Inc. for years 2026, 2027, and 2028 for wood products only with the following conditions:
Roads approved: CTH DB from I39 to CTH X and CTH X from CTH D to their place of business.

Maximum Weight – 80,000 lb on 5 or 6 axles

Speed limit: 45 mph maximum speed limit.

The permit will be revoked if violated, and can be reviewed at any time per the Highway Commissioner's request.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Member M. Jacowski, Seconded by Vice Chair S. Cieslewicz to approve a Seasonal Weight Limit Variance Permit – James Grezenski Forest Products, Inc. for years 2026, 2027, and 2028 for wood products only with the following conditions:
Roads approved: CTH DB from Marathon County line to Sunset Drive

Maximum Weight – 80,000 lb on 6 axles

Speed limit: 45 mph maximum speed limit

The permit will be revoked if violated, and can be reviewed at any time per the Highway Commissioner's request.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on 2026 Seasonal Weight Limit Variance Permit – Ralph Hamel Forest Products, Inc.

A motion was made by Member M. Jacowski, Seconded by Member S. Potocki to approve Seasonal Weight Limit Variance Permit – Ralph Hamel Forest Products, Inc. for years 2026, 2027, and 2028 for wood products only with the following conditions:

Roads approved: CTH Y from STH 66 to place of business

Maximum Weight – 80,000 lb on 5 axles

Speed limit: 45 mph maximum speed limit

The permit will be revoked if violated and can be reviewed at any time per the Highway Commissioner's request.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

12. Discussion and Possible Action on 2026 Seasonal Weight Limit Variance Permit – Hintz Pallet & Repair

A motion was made by Member M. Jacowski, Seconded by Vice Chair S. Cieslewicz to approve Seasonal Weight Limit Variance Permit – Hintz Pallet & Repair. for years 2026, 2027, and 2028 for wood products only the following conditions:

Roads approved: CTH J from STH 66 to place of business

Maximum Weight – 65,000 lb on 5 axles

The permit will be revoked if violated and can be reviewed at any time per the Highway Commissioner's request.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

13. Discussion and Possible Action on 2026 Seasonal Weight Limit Variance Permit – Portage County Solid Waste/Crockett Septic, LLC

A motion was made by Member S. Potocki, Seconded by M. Jacowski to approve 2026 Seasonal Weight Limit Variance Permit – Portage County Solid Waste/Crockett Septic, LLC. for years 2026, 2027, and 2028 for landfill leachate with the following conditions:

Roads approved: CTH QQ from USH 10 to place of business

Maximum Weight – 68,000 lb on 4 axles

Hauling must be done before 10 am.

The permit will be revoked if violated and can be reviewed at any time per the Highway Commissioner's request.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

14. Discussion and Possible Action on 2027 Equipment Purchase – Truck Chassis

A motion was made by Member M. Jacowski, Seconded by Member A. Schwartz to approve 2027 Equipment Purchase – Truck Chassis. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

15. Discussion and Possible Action on 2027-2031 Highway Capital Improvement Plan

A motion was made by Member M. Jacowski, Seconded by A. Schwartz to approve 2027-2031 Highway Capital Improvement Plan. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 - 3:30pm

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 4:23pm