

MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025 –8:00 AM
HIGHWAY COMMITTEE OF OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
LEC CONFERENCE ROOM – NORTH/SOUTH
301 WASHINGTON STREET, OCONTO WI 54153
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(Draft minutes not approved by committee)

COMMITTEE PRESENT: David Christianson, Elmer Ragen, Bob Wolf, Joel Lavarda, Dave Behrend

COMMITTEE ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Brandon Hytinen, Highway Commissioner; Richard Heath, County Administrator; Al Sleeter, County Board Chair; Mike Beyer, County Board Supervisor; Kurt Berner, Samuels Group; Kim Pytleski, County Clerk; Justin Enderby, Technology Services; Excel Group Representatives: David Vanden Avond; Jason Daye; Robin Yoon; Jon Olson; Chris Brueggeman; Kueny Architects Representatives: Jon Wallenkamp; John Schmidbauer; Barrientos Design & Consulting/Ayres Associates: Norman Barrientos; Neil Bierwirth, Barrientos; Dan Fox, Ayres; Craig Schuh, Ayres; Patrick Wesley, Barrientos

1. Call to Order

Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

2. Statement of County Mission and Vision by Hytinen

3. Approval of Agenda

3.1 Change of Sequence – None

3.2 Removal of Items – None

Motion by Wolf/Lavarda to approve the agenda. The motion was voted and carried.

4. Communications – None.

5. Closed Session: The Committee will convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

Motion by Behrend/Lavarda to enter into closed session at 8:06 a.m. with the following in attendance:

Highway Committee members; Brandon Hytinen, Highway Commissioner; Richard Heath, County Administrator; Al Sleeter, County Board Chair; Mike Beyer, County Board Supervisor; Kurt Berner, Samuels Group; Kim Pytleski, County Clerk; Justin Enderby, Technology Services; The motion was voted on and carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Vendors included in closed session: Excel Engineering Representatives: David Vanden Avond; Jason Daye; Robin Yoon; Jon Olson; Chris Brueggeman 8:06 a.m. – 9:23 a.m.; Kueny Architects Representatives: Jon Wallenkamp; John Schmidbauer 9:25 a.m. – 10:39 a.m.; Barrientos Design & Consulting/Ayres Associates Representatives: Norman Barrientos; Neil Bierwirth, Barrientos; Dan Fox, Ayres; Craig Schuh, Ayres; Patrick Wesley, Barrientos; 10:43 a.m. – 12:14 p.m.

Lavarda out of attendance at 10:41 a.m.

6. Open Session: The Committee will return to open session, pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(2), to conduct further legal business, if any

The Committee may return to Open Session to take action on items discussed in closed session.

Motion by Wolf/Behrend to return to open session. The motion was voted on and carried at 12:49 p.m.

Motion by Behrend/Wolf to recommend resolution Approval to Proceed to Phase II on New Highway Facility with the design firm Excel Engineering. The motion was voted on and carried.

7. Announcements/General Information/Guests (No action to be taken) – None.

8. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in County Board Room #3041.

9. Adjournment

Chair Christianson declared meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.