

Highway Department Committee Minutes
October 1, 2025 at 8:00a.m.

Called to order by Chair, Melinda Appel at 8:04 a.m.

Sara Renkes, Bob Jachnicki, Chris Flikkema, William Iske and Melinda Appel were in attendance

Renkes made a motion to accept minutes as presented. Second by Flikkema. Motion passed.

We discussed items including:

- Applying for safety grant to fix guard rails
- Pulling funds from 2025 and moving them to the 2026 budget to cover the Ideal road project
- Continuing seal coat on Shannon Rte. another mile south
- Coring North of Shannon section of Shannon Rte to decide what options will be best (Shannon Rte has the highest traffic count)
- Purchasing a skid loader to utilize in tight spaces which will make work more efficient.
- Purchase of a grapple which has an assessed value of \$2950.
- Salt bid came in at \$88.23 per ton. The county needs to take 80%. This has not been a problem. This should still keep under budget.
- Oldest snow Plow is 2017, a new Plow truck would be \$327,000. Talked about getting yearly trade options to see where we are on making informed decisions.
- Broadcast Crack Seal may be a better option than hand placement on each crack. Crack Seal can be broadcast. Sara is looking into FOG (broadcast crack seal) Also looking at hiring that out.
- The County currently has 6 plow trucks and one back up.

Next meeting date and time to be determined
Adjourn 9:15