



ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Public Works Committee Meeting – Highway

May 12, 2026 – 8:00 a.m.

Public Works Department – Committee Room

3715 Newville Road

Janesville, WI 53545

Call to Order: Vice-Chair Woodman called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Pennycook (attended on Zoom), Sutter, and Woodman.

Committee Members Absent: None

<u>Staff Members:</u>	Duane Jorgenson	Public Works Director
	Nick Elmer	Assistant Director Public Works
	Amanda McElroy	Administrative Professional III

<u>Others Present:</u>	Mike Mulligan	Citizen
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Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Sutter moved approval of the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Pennycook. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes Dated March 24, 2026: Supervisor Sutter moved approval of the minutes from March 24, 2026, as presented, seconded by Supervisor Pennycook. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Mike Mulligan thanked and praised Public Works staff for their storm response efforts on April 17, 2026. Supervisor Woodman asked Mr. Mulligan for an email comment to read aloud at the County Board of Supervisors Meeting on May 14, 2026. Mr. Mulligan plans to attend in person.

Mr. Jorgenson announced that he will be on a panel at the Turnout for Transportation event on May 28, 2026, from 7:30am-9am at the Woodman Center.

Mr. Jorgenson added that the WCHA Summer Road School is June 8-10, 2026, at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

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Mr. Jorgenson addressed the April 17 storm event, noting the importance of documenting all the storm damage before completing any repairs to be eligible to apply for funding support. There is a meeting with FEMA representatives on May 13, 2026. The crew has since completed most of the damage repairs, but a bridge is still out.

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Discussion and Possible Action – Issue Paper – 2026-2027 Bridge Inspections: Mr. Elmer explained the Federal Highway Administration requires all bridges longer than 20 feet be inspected regularly, typically every two years. Rock County solicited qualifications from eligible firms on the Consultant Roster to complete bridge inspections for all county bridges, town bridges, and city bridges within the county, except for the Cities of Edgerton and Beloit, who complete their own inspections.

After reviewing and ranking the responses, KBIS was selected as the most qualified firm. KBIS successfully completed the last cycle of bridge inspections. With the two-year contract agreement, a clause was added that the contract could be renewed every two years for up to ten years to maintain quality and consistency. Mr. Elmer recommended that KBIS be awarded the two-year contract at a total cost of \$47,360.

Mr. Jorgenson added that the contract includes prices for three bridge types, those over 20 feet in length, short span structures that are 6-20 feet in length, and snowmobile trail bridges. He noted that the higher cost for snowmobile trail bridge inspections is due to the difficulty and timing in accessing them along with their timber construction.

Supervisor Sutter moved the Issue Paper, seconded by Supervisor Pennycook. ADOPTED.

REVIEW OF PAYMENTS

March and April 2026 Payments: Mr. Jorgenson answered questions from the Committee.

Next Meeting Date and Time:

To Be Determined

Adjournment: Supervisor Pennycook moved adjournment at 8:27 a.m., seconded by Supervisor Sutter. ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda McElroy, Administrative Professional III

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