

**MINUTES ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE & INFORMATIONAL MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026
MASON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

TIME			
MEETING BEGIN	MEETING END		
9:00 A.M.	9:17 AM		
NAME		PRESENT	ABSENT
SCOTT GARLISCH (CHAIRMAN)			X
DOROTHY KREILING		X	
RON KNOLLENBERG		X	
KEN WALKER (CO. BOARD CHAIRMAN)			X
ADAM SARNES		X	
ELDON GARLISCH		X	
NICK PELOW (COUNTY ENGINEER)		X	
SUMMER BROWN		X	

The purpose of this meeting was to review and approve the claims of the County Highway Department. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved. The following items were discussed:

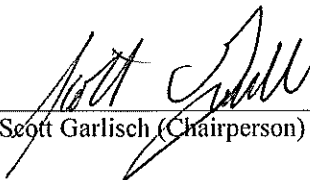
MAINTENANCE CREW: The Mason County Highway Department's Maintenance crew has been clearing right of way, fixing damaged signs, filling potholes, plowing snow and brush cutting.

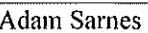
MOTOR FUEL TAX PROGRAMMING: The Highway Department met with the Township Highway Commissioners to establish their proposed budgets for FY2026. A material letting will be scheduled for late February or early March.

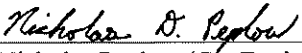
PAVEMENT PRESERVATION PROGRAM: Phase I of the proposed Cape Seal Project from Forest City to Manito has been completed. Phase II will be submitted to IDOT soon.

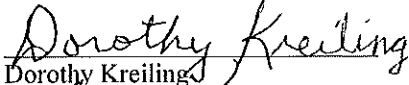
TOWNSHIP BRIDGE PROGRAM: Salt Creek Township bridge plans for Section 21-12116-00-BR have been reviewed. A bid letting for this contract is scheduled to take place sometime in March.

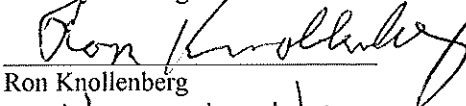
PROPOSED SOLAR PROJECTS: A meeting was held at the Highway Department regarding the proposed Blue Heron Solar project. During the meeting, a rough timeline on the overall scope of the project was provided. The Highway Department's County Engineer met on site for a meeting regarding the proposed entrance for Coyote Road Solar on behalf of Allens Grove Township.

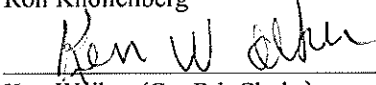
APPROVED: 
 Scott Garlisch (Chairperson)


 Adam Sarnes


 Nicholas Peplow (Co. Engineer)


 Dorothy Kreiling


 Ron Knollenberg


 Ken Walker (Co. Bd. Chair.)