



MARATHON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE AGENDA

Date & Time of Meeting: **Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**

Meeting Location: **Marathon County Highway Department, 1430 West Street Wausau WI. 54401**

Members: Randy Fifrick, Chair; Sandi Cihlar, Vice-Chair; Chris Dickinson; Jeff Johnson, Richard Gumz, John Robinson; Alan Christensen

Marathon County Mission Statement: Marathon County Government serves people by leading, coordinating, and providing county, regional, and statewide initiatives. It directly, or in cooperation with other public and private partners, provides services and creates opportunities that make Marathon County and the surrounding area a preferred place to live, work, visit, and do business.

Infrastructure Committee Mission/Purpose: Provide leadership for the implementation of the Strategic Plan, monitoring outcomes, reviewing and recommending to the County Board policies related to technology and infrastructure initiatives of Marathon County, which includes, but is not limited to, highways, airways, waterways, etc.

The meeting site identified above will be open to the public. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated public health directives, Marathon County encourages Executive Committee members and the public to attend this meeting remotely. Instead of attendance in person, Committee members and the public may attend this meeting by **telephone conference**. If Committee members or members of the public cannot attend remotely, Marathon County requests that appropriate safety measures, including adequate social distancing, be utilized by all in-person attendees.

Persons wishing to attend the meeting by phone may call into the **telephone conference beginning five (5) minutes prior to the start time indicated above using the following number: 408-418-9388. Access Code: 962 376 748- Meeting from phones- PLEASE MUTE YOUR PHONE!**

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment Portion of the Agenda *has been Temporarily Suspended*
3. Approval of the Minutes of the June 4th, Infrastructure Committee Meeting
4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination:
 - A. Next Steps in Broadband Task Force – Robinson, Klein
 - B. What are the Committee’s priorities for the next two years in light of the [Strategic Plan](#) (Objective 10.12) and [Comprehensive Plan \(Executive Summary\)](#) (Chapter 8 pages 93-105)?
5. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, Resolution or Policy:
 - A. Consideration of speed limit modifications on County Highway Y within the Towns of Plover and Easton between County Road Z and County Highway 52.
6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion
 - A. Marathon County Wind Farm Update – Griesbach
 - B. Marathon County Highway Safety Audit Update - Griesbach
 - C. City County Information Technology Department Update
 - D. Highway Commissioner’s Report
 - E. ATV/UTV Policy Update - Griesbach
7. Announcements:
 - A. Future meetings and agenda items:
 1. August 6th, 2020 Monthly Committee Meeting at 1430 West Street, Wausau WI 54401
 2. County Support of Sport Events Occurring on County Highways
8. Adjourn

Any person planning to attend this meeting who needs some type of special accommodation in order to participate should call the County Clerk’s Office at 715 261-1500 or e-mail infomarathon@mail.co.marathon.wi.us one business day before the meeting.

SIGNED /s/ Randy Fifrick
Presiding Officer or Designee

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MARATHON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 4, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
Marathon County Highway Department, Wausau, WI

Attendance:	Present	Excused	Absent
Randy Ffrrick, Chair	x		
Sandi Cihlar, Vice-Chair	x		
John Robinson	x		
Jeff Johnson	x		
Alan Christensen		x	
Richard Gumz	x		
Chris Dickinson	x		

Also Present: James Griesbach, Kevin Lang, Kendra Pergolski, Gerry Klein, Lance Leonhard, Dave Mack, Mark Cihlar, Brian Grefe, Andrew Lynch, Peter Weinschek,

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Ffrrick at 9:01 a.m.
- 2. Public Comment:** N/A
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the May 7, 2020, Infrastructure Committee Meeting**
MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY JOHNSON, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2020, INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING PURSUANT TO CHANGES DISCUSSED. MOTION CARRIED.
- 4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination:**
 - Consideration of the Broadband Task Force Charter and potential recommendation to the County Board
Discussion: Robinson summarized to the committee the potential framework of what the task force charter would look like.
Action: MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY CIHLAR, FOR APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A BROADBAND TASK FORCE CHARTER. MOTION CARRIED.
Follow through: N/A
- 5. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:**
 - Sale of Excess Right of Way 28th Avenue
Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach reviewed with the committee the proposal made by Mr. Thompson to purchase a small parcel of land owned by the county. The committee discussed future needs, the possibility of retaining the right-away, and ownership rights going forward.
Action: MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECOND BY ROBINSON, TO RECOMMEND THE SALE OF THE PARCEL CONTINGENT ON BUY-BACK PROVISION IN THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT. MOTION CARRIED.
Follow through: Commissioner Griesbach to provide Property and Finance with the appraised value of the land and what it was originally purchased for.
 - 2021 County Highway Capital Improvement Projects
Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach reviewed with the committee his proposed projects: County Trunk L bridge abutment decay and the replacement with a twin box culvert, County Trunk O railing and deck replacement, and the multi-use trail surface treatment.
Action: MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY DICKINSON, TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. MOTION CARRIED.
Follow through: N/A
 - 2021 City County Information Technology Capital Improvement Projects
Discussion: Gerry Klein reviewed with the committee the proposed project in replacing the financial software and the additional funds needed, and touched on the need to replace the talent management system.
Action: MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY CIHLAR, TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CITY COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED.
Follow through: N/A

D. 2021 Central Wisconsin Airport Capital Improvement Projects

Discussion: Mark Cihlar addressed the committee regarding their master plan and decoupling their intersecting runways noting that they are not requesting actual CIP funding.

Action: MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY GUMZ, TO MOVE FORWARD WITH CENTRAL WISCONSIN AIRPORTS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED.

Follow through: N/A

E. Highway Department Reorganization

Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach addressed the committee with his desire to re-organize the administrative staff in order to meet growing needs.

Action: MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECOND BY ROBINSON, TO ABOLISH ONE POSITION; MOVE ONE EMPLOYEE FROM A .5 TO A .8 OF TIME WORKED; AND TO MOVE THIS FORWARD TO HUMAN RESOURCES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MOTION CARRIED.

Follow through: N/A

6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion

A. Highway Commissioner's Report

Discussion: Report provided.

B. City County Information Technology Department Update

Discussion: Report provided.

C. Wisconsin County Highway Association Summer Road School

Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach notified the committee that although the road school is not cancelled, the county is no longer sending anyone.

D. ATV/UTV Policy update

Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach advised that he is receiving many applications and everything thus far has gone smoothly.

7. Announcements:

A. Future meetings and location, agenda topics
July 2, 9:00 AM, 1430 West Street, Wausau

8. Adjourn

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:17AM.

Minutes prepared

By Kendra Pergolski on June 8, 2020.

ORDINANCE # _____

**COUNTY ROAD "Y" - SPEED ZONE
Town of Plover**

WHEREAS, modifications are warranted for the speed limits on County Road "Y" in the Town of Plover and

WHEREAS, the Marathon County Highway Commissioner and the Marathon County Infrastructure Committee have resolved this issue and concur with the recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marathon does hereby ordain as follows:

1. To Amend Section 7.03(4) of the Marathon County General Code to remove the following speed zone from subpart (3) 35 mph;
 - a) *CTH "Y"*. Township of Plover, through Eau Claire Dells County Park, from a point 1.5 miles south of STH 52 southerly for a distance of 0.5 of a mile

2. To Modify Section 7.03 of the Marathon County General Code by adding a subpart for a speed limit of 30 mph and renumbering existing subparts (3) 35 mph, (4) 40 mph, (5) 45 mph and (6) 50 mph as listed below;
 - (3) 30 mph
 - (4) 35 mph
 - (5) 40 mph
 - (6) 45 mph
 - (7) 50 mph;

3. To Amend Section 7.03(4) of the Marathon County General Code to add the following speed zone to subpart (3) 30 mph;
 - a) *CTH "Y"*. Township of Plover, through Eau Claire Dells County Park, from a point 1.3 miles north of CTH "Z" northerly for a distance of 0.5 of a mile.

4. To Amend Section 7.03(4) of the Marathon County General Code to add the following speed zone to subpart (6) 45 mph;
 - a) *CTH "Y"*. Township of Plover, from a point 0.8 of a mile north of CTH "Z" northerly for a distance of 0.5 of a mile.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; A traffic and engineering investigation having been made on the described highway, the maximum permissible speed at which vehicles *may* be operated on said highways, which speed is herewith established as reasonable and safe pursuant to Section 349.11, Wisconsin Statutes, **shall** be as set forth herein subject to passage of this ordinance, publication as required by law and upon the erection of standard signs giving notice thereof:

Note: A copy of this ordinance shall be forwarded to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and the Marathon County Sheriff's Department

Dated the ____ day of July 2020.

Fiscal Impact: None - cost will be paid out of budgeted funds.

Signed this ____ day of _____, 2020, pursuant to SS59.12(1), Stats.

Kurt Gibbs, County Board Chair

Marathon Wind Project



Figure 1
Project Location Map

Marathon County, Wisconsin

Proposed Wind Energy Facilities

- Project Boundary
- Wind Turbine
- Access Road
- Underground Collector Line
- O&M Facility
- Laydown Yard (~15 Acres)
- Project Substation
- Permanent Meteorological Tower

Water Feature

- Intermittent Waterway
- Perennial Waterway
- Open Water

Existing Utility

- Existing Substation
- Existing Transmission Line

Jurisdiction

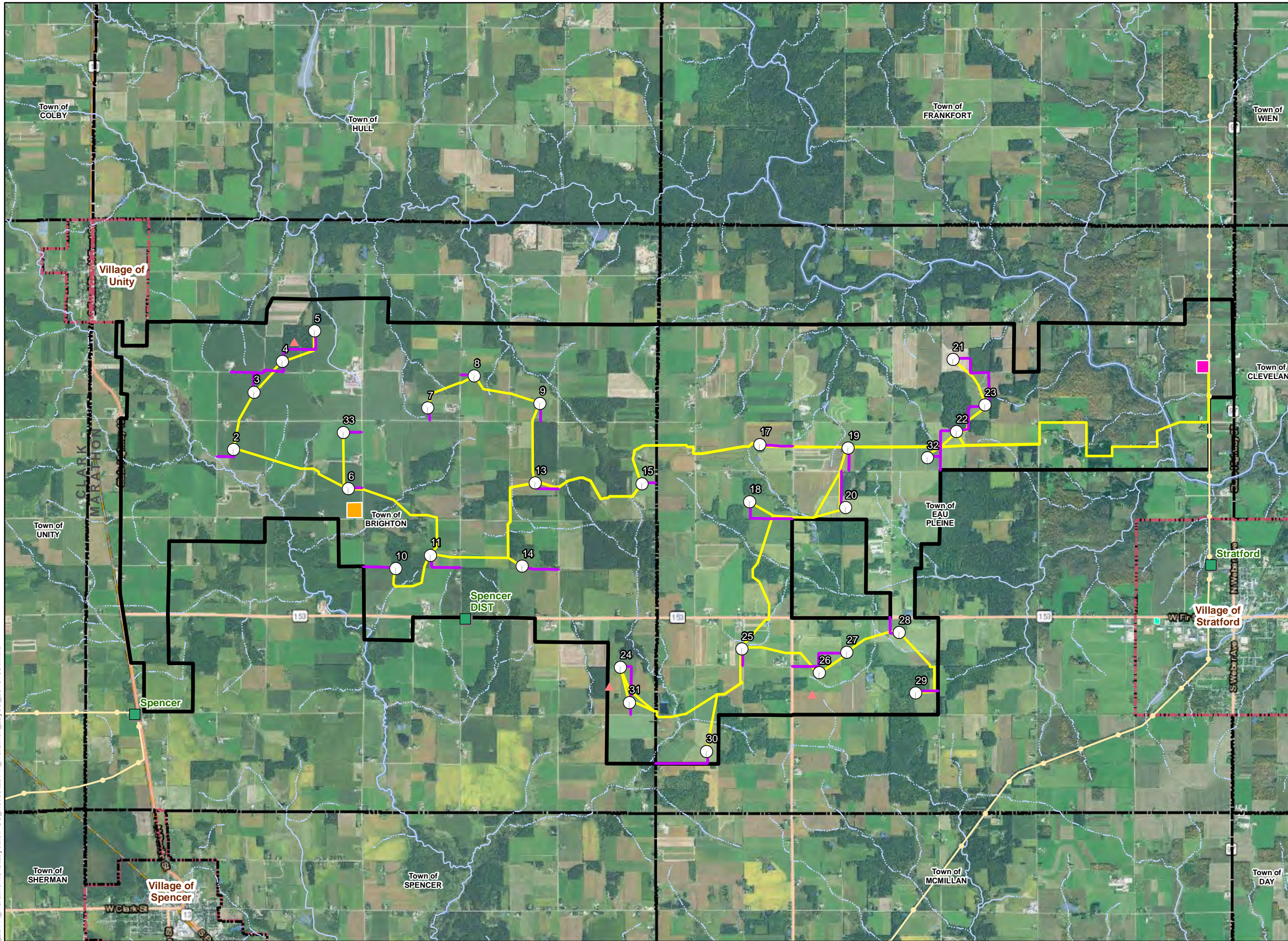
- City or Village
- Town
- County

Note: Project features shown on this map are preliminary and may change prior to construction.



Disclaimer: The data provided on this map is for assessment and planning purposes only. It is not intended to be used for definition of legal boundary, property title, or construction. This is not a survey product. Tetra Tech is not responsible for the misuse or misrepresentation of the data.

Reference Map



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MARATHON COUNTY

OFFICE OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

1430 WEST STREET
WAUSAU, WI 54401

TO: Infrastructure Committee
FROM: Jim Griesbach
RE: June Highway Report
Date: July 2nd, 2020

CTH G Bridge east of CTH Q - Bridge crew began work on this project the first week of June and is anticipated to be completed at the end of August. The crews poured the first abutment, are working on the second abutment, and plan to begin forming the deck in early July. They did have some delays due to high water from the heavy rain two weeks ago.

CTH Y Bridge north of Hatley – Radtke Contractors have poured the decked and has started working on the approaches of the bridge. The asphalt should be in place by the fourth of July. There was an issue with the steel railing anchor bolts and needed some modifications. Contract end date is July 23 and it should be finished a minimum of 1 week ahead of schedule. Note that this was a low risk pilot project last year with WisDot and the contract for design was in early July of 2019 and went through the entire review process and will be finished in 13 months of the signing of the design contract. This is normally a 3 year process.

Paving Projects

CTH Z (CTH Y – County Line) – Project was completed 3rd week of June

CTH Y (CTH Z – STH 52) – Project was completed 3rd week of June, including paving the campground loop for the Parks Department; coupling this work with our highway paving saved the expense of mobilizing to the site and took advantage of our asphalt bid pricing.

CTH N (CTH H - STH 107) – Lower layer is complete, surface layer is started. Crews plan to finish the surface layer the week of July 6th.

CTH KK (CTH B – Shurwood) – Project scheduled to begin the week of July 6th.

CTH L (CTH S – Deer Creek Lane) – Cold In-Place Recycling (CIR) is complete. Paving planned for late July.

CTH L (STH 107 – CTH O) – Cold In-Place Recycling (CIR) is complete. Paving planned for late July.

CTH FF (CTH S – STH 107) – Cold In-Place Recycling (CIR) is complete. Paving planned for late July.

CTH S (CTH A – CTH S) – Thin overlay planned for late August.

CTH O (CTH A – County Line) – Thin overlay planned for late August.

Construction crews are working to stay ahead of the paving crew with culvert and ditch work. In July, crews will be working with the Towns of Easton, Berlin, Cleveland and McMillan to complete Bridge Aid projects.

State and Highway mowing for the first round is complete. Crews and equipment worked well to get mowing completed before the fourth of July. Last year we had several equipment issues that impacted the mowing schedule.

County wide culvert inspections are completed. Staff at CPZ is working with a consultant to integrate the information into our county mapping.

The Shop has been working on harnessing one of our new plow trucks, maintaining equipment and helping out on construction projects when staff is available.

We have hired two new employees to begin work on July 13th.

Submitted by

James Griesbach

Highway Commissioner