

Highway Committee Meeting
September 9, 2025, 8:00am
Nancy Martin-Mathewson, Don Smith, Ed Lentz

Vehicles/equipment:

Truck 18

Vehicle repair costs and mileage:

Highway Improvement/Maintenance:

2025 Budget:

CHIPs:

2026 Budget:

Equipment needs (2025 and beyond):

Mower, Dump/Plow: .

Highway Garage:

Salt/Sand Shed:

Turnbull Rd Bridge:

CR14 Comms Tower:

Policies - Code of Ethics, Email, Social Media:

Personnel:

Shared Services Agreement:

Other Town Facilities:.

Property Improvements:

Resident Compliments/Concerns:

Other:

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Vehicles/equipment:

Truck 18 Replacement: committee agreed that we need to replace Truck 18 w/ another 10 wheeler; new custom truck would not be available until spring and would cost ~\$365K; "on the shelf" truck w/ upfitting would be available now and would cost ~\$350K. The Committee recommends the "on the shelf" truck. We would need to move fast on this truck. The Committee recommends using the insurance recovery (\$169K) plus fund balance to pay for the truck and then to budget for CHIPS reimbursement of the balance in 2026. The Committee does not recommend borrowing the money from USDA or elsewhere.

The Committee also recommends repairing Truck 18 in house (including replacing parts that working but are nearing end of life expectancy) and using the \$30K equipment "reserve" and salvage value to partially pay for the parts. Don will estimate the repair cost for the September meeting. Assuming Truck 18 can be added back to the fleet, a decision can be made on whether to surplus the 09A.

Vehicle repair costs and mileage: \$34.9K vs \$26.5K in 2024

Highway Improvement/Maintenance: paving started today

2025 Budget:

amend: DA5130.2, DA3501, DA2665(?), DA1120:

No budget adjustments need to be made yet but looking ahead:

DA5130.2 Bridges: we can take up to \$33.8K from this line

DA3501 CHIPS: can be increased to \$498,319 for paving, Turnbull Rd bridge and Mower Max [submit by November 10 for 2025 reimbursement]

DA5130.4 Machinery Contractual: will need to be increased by \$303.4K for MowerMax; plus \$351,196 for new bump/plow truck [TOTAL: \$654,606]

DA1120 Sales Tax: will come in under budget by ~\$14K (A+DA)

CHIPS: Don put in for ~\$46K for Turnbull Rd bridge; after obtaining reimbursement for the Turnbull Rd bridge, paving and the MowerMax, we'll carry over ~\$7K into 2026; in 2026, we expect to be eligible for up to \$395K as in 2025

Equipment needs (2025 and beyond):

Mower, Dump/Plow: If Truck 18 is repaired, it will be like new and we wouldn't need a new dump/plow truck for three to four years or more; in the near term, we should be replacing the 21 Ford pickup; excavator won't need costly maintenance for another couple of years; roller has issues but we may be able to extend its life by getting a roller attachment for the MowerMax.

Highway Garage: no problems

Salt/Sand Shed: making progress

Turnbull Rd Bridge: structural work completed; paving this week

CR14 Comms Tower: still waiting for county

Policies - EEO, workplace violence, sexual harassment: no comments

Personnel: one application received

Shared Services Agreement: still waiting for county

Other Town Facilities: PV system on town hall is in place and is operational but can't be put into service until inspected; we need the date it is put into operation to obtain a registration number which can then be used to apply for the federal tax credit (\$6K); with that money, the PV system will have cost us nothing and we will have a few hundred dollars remaining to apply to another project.

Property Improvements: many

Resident Compliments/Concerns: a landowner filled in a drainage ditch and another landowner created a berm to try to force the town to raise the road bed

Other: nothing to discuss