



COUNTY OF BURNETT
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Burnett County Government Center
November 19, 2008

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Carsten Endresen called the November 19, 2008, meeting of the Infrastructure Committee to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Burnett County Government Center, Room 165.

NOTICE POSTED IN ACCORDANCE TO WIS. STAT. 19.84 OPEN MEETING LAW

MEMBERS PRESENT Carsten Endresen, Charles Awe, Harry Patneau, Christopher Sybers, Richard Anderson, Eldon Freese and Bert Lund, Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER Discussion included reordering agenda to place the Highway Department report last to allow for more discussion. Supervisor Freese also suggested holding meetings periodically at the Highway Department shop to encourage employee input and promote a sense of inclusion. Motion to approve agenda order was made by Supervisor Lund, seconded by Supervisor Freese. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15, 2008, MEETING Motion to approve the October 15, 2008, minutes was made by Supervisor Freese, seconded by Supervisor Sybers. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2008, MEETING Motion to approve the November 7, 2008, minutes was made by Supervisor Lund, seconded by Supervisor Anderson. Motion carried. Discussion followed about possible misunderstanding at the November 12, 2008, meeting of County Board of Supervisors concerning pay off of loan to fund airport roof repair. Supervisor Freese requested reiterating at the next County Board of Supervisors meeting the loan *will* be paid off in 2010.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT The Highway Department report presented by Commissioner Robert Morehouse was accepted by the committee.

OPEN PROJECT STATUS REPORT Mr. Morehouse updated the project status report and answered questions from the committee concerning work done for the townships.

CTH-Z SPEED ZONE STATUS (CEDAR POINT EAST TO STH 48) Mr. Morehouse had received written approval from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the speed zone

reduction to 35 mph on County Road Z. The speed limit signs have been changed. Mr. Morehouse had received some feedback from the public about the change, all of which was positive.

FIVE YEAR PLAN GUIDANCE FROM COMMITTEE (2009-2013) Mr. Morehouse reviewed the Highway Department's Five Year Plan (2009-2013) for the committee and inquired whether the plan should be revised due to increased costs. Discussion ensued about the purpose of the plan. Motion to change the five year plan to a ten year priority list (2009–2019) was made by Supervisor Freese, seconded by Supervisor Sybers. Motion carried. Mr. Morehouse reported the 511 road condition feature was activated on November 1, 2008. The web address is: www.511.wi.gov.

2009 WI DOT MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT The Highway Department's annual contract with Wisconsin Department of Transportation was presented for signature. The payment of \$740,000.00 to maintain state roads in Burnett County represents an increase of three-plus percent from 2008.

DISCUSSION OF EARLY SALT PURCHASE AND HOW IT SAVES MONEY In response to questions raised by other County Board Supervisors, Mr. Morehouse reviewed the salt shortage situation and his efforts to secure the best price for the county and avoid running out at the end of the season. Best price was the state contracted price of \$82.78 per ton (increase of 106% over 2008) for the 72 county buying consortium. Buying early in spring and taking delivery in fall saves money, assures supply and allows for other uses of the salt storage shed during the summer. Salt is used by the Highway Department and is sold to the townships.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT Maintenance Department Supervisor Gary Faught updated the committee on the needs study and reported initial discussions with the Sheriff's Department and Jail had been completed. Mr. Faught projects completion of the study in January. Mr. Faught also reported the Sheriff's Department camera installation was proceeding. Equipment is located in the server room. Supervisor Awe inquired how the ADRC move is going. Mr. Faught reviewed the current schedule. Mr. Faught confirmed equipment storage at the airport is being considered in the needs study but not the airport itself. There is a six-year plan developed by the county and the state for the airport.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OFFICE FURNITURE Tammy Chell presented Sheriff's Department request for custom furniture along with quotes for both custom and modular furniture. Mr. Faught reported new carpet is scheduled for the area and the Sheriff's Department has budgeted for new furniture. Mr. Faught will review the request prior to the next meeting. Request will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

DISCUSSION ON CHAIR PLACEMENT FOR YOUTH MEMBERS Chairman Endresen reviewed the inclusion of three youth members on the County Board of Supervisors and the need to provide seating for them in the Board Room. Discussion ensued in the Board Room. Mr. Faught will present options for consideration at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION ON NON-LAPSING FUND-MAINTENANCE Supervisor Awe inquired whether a non-lapsing maintenance fund exists and if not, was one needed. There is not a non-lapsing fund, but emergency funds may exist from land sales. Mr. Faught tries to anticipate long term needs by doing annual preventative maintenance. Discussion ensued about the legality of

applying tax receipts to non-lapsing accounts and the need to consult with Corporate Counsel on this issue.

AIRPORT DEPARTMENT REPORT Airport Manager Jeremy Sickler presented the Airport report. Discussion ensued about the security fence and why it partially surrounds the airport. Future plans could include continuing the fence for increased security. Snowmobile clubs are going to sign the Gandy Dancer trail around the fence. Mr. Sickler answered questions about recent maintenance and repairs. Supervisor Awe suggested a preventative maintenance schedule would be useful. Mr. Sickler reported MSA Professional Services will be inspecting the Gandy Dancer trail relocation and will be meeting informally with himself, Administrator Fitzgerald and Chairman Endresen about revising the six-year plan for the airport.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

Logging on County Road O Mr. Morehouse met with all involved parties to develop a plan to cooperate and avoid road damage and road postings. Temporary driveway permits and restoration were discussed.

Traffic Safety Commission report Mr. Morehouse reported on the quarterly meeting. Branstad Unincorporated on State Road 48 no longer exists so the signs have been removed and returned to the family and the speed limit has been raised to 55 mph. Mr. Morehouse had raised concerns about the 55 mph speed limit on State Road 48 in front of the Grantsburg fairgrounds. Speed limits in Siren past Crooked Lake and through Falun are also being reviewed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS Sheriff's furniture request, placement of and furniture for youth county board members, Infrastructure Committee representation on Administration Committee and assessment of new committee structure.

NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 17, 2008

ADJOURN Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Sybers, seconded by Supervisor Freese. Motion carried. Chairman Endresen adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.