



COUNTY OF BURNETT
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Burnett County Government Center
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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Carsten Endresen called the October 15, 2008, meeting of the Infrastructure Committee to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Burnett County Government Center, Room 162/163.

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT Richard Anderson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Supervisor Freese questioned Supervisor Sybers about the number of vehicles stored at Blue Collar Sales & Service. Supervisor Sybers answered Blue Collar has a commercial license and has started cleanup. Forestry and Parks Administrator Jake Nichols asked permission to reserve comments for agenda items #8. and #9. Chairman Endresen agreed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER Motion to approve the agenda order was made by Supervisor Sybers, seconded by Supervisor Freese. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2008 MEETING Motion to approve the September 17, 2008 minutes was made by Supervisor Freese, seconded by Supervisor Lund. Motion carried.

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

PROJECT STATUS Mr. Morehouse reviewed the Open Project Status Report for the committee and noted shouldering of Mansfield Road in Meenon Township had been added.

COUNTY ROAD Z RESOLUTION 2008-1 Mr. Morehouse reported the Town of Trade Lake approved and submitted a petition to lower the speed limit on County Road Z in the Trade Lake area. Resolution 2008-1 will lower the speed limit on County Road Z to 35 MPH beginning at the intersection of STH-48 and proceeding west for 2.2 miles and ending approximately ½ mile east of Cedar Point Road. Motion to approve Resolution 2008-1 was made by Supervisor Patneau, seconded by Supervisor Freese. Motion carried.

SPRING ROAD LIMIT POSTING 2009 Mr. Morehouse discussed the traditional reasons roads are posted with weight restrictions but warned this year many more county roads may need to be posted due to the increased cost of repairs. Mr. Nichols asked if an exemption could be made for loggers. Discussion and questions ensued. Mr. Morehouse and the committee agreed it would be possible to exempt loggers from weight restrictions on county roads when town roads were posted.

ROAD REPAIRS – FORESTRY TIMBER SALES

- a. **CTH-O Jct. 87 to River** Mr. Morehouse reported heavy semi-truck traffic due to private timber cutting in Governor Knowles State Park resulting in numerous complaints from area residents and costly road repairs. Discussion ensued about the possibility of posting the road, requiring performance bonds from private loggers and designating 10% of county timber sales for road repairs. Mr. Morehouse will discuss possible actions with Gov Knowles foresters. The committee noted County Road O is only option to get to State Road 70 as the township roads are posted. Unless the situation deteriorates in the next week or so, this topic will be placed on the agenda of the November 19, 2008 Infrastructure Committee meeting.
- b. **CTH-H Jct. 35 to 77** Mr. Morehouse reported a similar situation as described above and noted the road was paved in 2008. The loggers have agreed to only run south on this road.

BRIDGE INSPECTIONS Mr. Morehouse reported three bridges in Roosevelt, Siren and Union townships will be inspected October 20-23, 2008. The county and townships are each responsible for 10% of the cost. The remainder is paid for by the state.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT The Maintenance Department report presented by Department Supervisor Gary Faught was accepted by the committee. Mr. Faught reported Consolidated Court Automation Programs staff had made some adjustments to their server and all is working well. The 1992 memorandum of understanding provided by Clerk of Court Trudy Schmidt confirms the maintenance department's responsibility for this area. The committee discussed the need to update the agreement. Mr. Faught reported the needs assessment was proceeding.

COMMUNICATION TOWER DISCUSSION Supervisor Sybers reviewed the history of maintenance of the communication towers. Discussion ensued. The consensus was until the new communications system is developed the towers will fall under the Infrastructure Committee and Highway Department staff will continue as they have in the past to mow and plow as needed.

FURNITURE PURCHASE GUIDELINES Mr. Faught presented the Burnett County Government Center Office Furniture Guidelines with corrections and suggestions made at the September 17, 2008, meeting. Motion to approve the guidelines was made by Supervisor Awe, seconded by Supervisor Patneau. Motion carried. Mr. Faught will distribute the guidelines to department heads.

AIRPORT DEPARTMENT REPORT The Airport Department report was presented by Airport Manager Jeremy Sickler. Mr. Sickler answered questions from Supervisor Awe about the installation cost of new aviation weather equipment and the current condition of the warehouse used for storage by several county departments. Mr. Sickler and Mr. Faught noted

storage will be addressed in the needs assessment. The warehouse is safe and stable and should be usable for two to three years.

AIRPORT ROOF REPAIR/REPLACEMENT ISSUE Mr. Faught assisted Mr. Sickler with a review of the need for repairing the airport terminal roof and presenting the proposal from Paul's Sheet Metal & Roofing. Discussion and questions ensued about future plans for the airport terminal and warehouse. A motion approving the repair of only the airport terminal roof at a cost of \$10,535.00 was made by Supervisor Patneude, seconded by Supervisor Freese. Motion carried. Discussion ensued about financing this expense rather than reducing the general fund. A motion was made by Supervisor Sybers to authorize County Administrator Candace Fitzgerald to research bank financing, seconded by Supervisor Lund. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS Posting of county roads and CTH O Jct. 87 to River update.

NEXT MEETING DATE The next regular meeting of the Infrastructure Committee is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., November 19, 2008, in Room 165.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. by Chairman Endresen.