

## **COUNTY OF BURNETT**

# INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

# Burnett County Government Center 7410 County Road K, Siren Room #165

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# **MINUTES**

Infrastructure Committee April 14, 2021

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Chuck Awe, Emmett Byrne, Bert Lund, Jr., Ramona Moody, Duane Johnson and Don Taylor.

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

**CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Awe called the April 14, 2021, meeting of the Infrastructure Committee to order at the Burnett County Government Center, Room 165 at 9:30 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** There were none.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER** Motion to approve the agenda order was made by Supervisor Lund, seconded by Supervisor Byrne. Motion carried, voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 10, 2021, MEETING** Motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2021, meeting as submitted was made by Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Johnson. Motion carried, voice vote.

AUDIO/VISUAL COMMUNICATION PROJECT UPDATE Administrator Ehalt stated there would be funds available for video/audio equipment for streaming meetings in Room 165 and Room 160 with federal relief dollars. Mr. Faught stated they met with four vendors at this time and are waiting for the formal proposal process to begin as soon as an RFP is developed for the project. Burnett County will receive approximately three million dollars of federal money. This would also cover additional staff. They will receive the first half by the end of May. There would be documentation needed on how the money is spent. There has been approximately \$200,000.00 already recovered from COVID-19 costs. The Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) will give guidance on what the funds can be allocated towards.

## AIRPORT DEPARTMENT

**Budget Performance Report** The Airport Budget Performance Report was submitted and reviewed. The roundabout project is almost complete. The airport received \$13,000.00 from the stimulus package. It will be on the agenda to discuss options for spending.

<u>Operational Report</u> Administrator Ehalt answered committee questions. There is a meeting with the Bureau of Aeronautics (BOA) on April 26, 2021, to discuss projects.

**<u>Project Report</u>** Mr. Ehalt answered committee questions.

<u>Time Trials for May 8, 2021</u> The Time Trials are scheduled for May 8, 2021. The Administration Committee approved \$5,000.00 to go to the Drive In/Fly In event through a grant opportunity the county sponsored for qualifying events with funding loss in 2020 due to COVID-19 shutdowns.

## MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

**<u>Budget Performance Report</u>** Maintenance Supervisor Gary Faught reviewed his budget performance report.

<u>Operational Report</u> Mr. Faught reviewed his submitted report and answered committee questions. Mr. Faught reported there have been a few jail projects. The Clerk of Courts counter project is ongoing.

**Project Report** Mr. Faught reviewed his project report and answered committee questions. He will be upgrading the sewer pump station control and boiler pumps.

#### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

<u>Budget Performance Report</u> Highway Commissioner Mike Hoefs reviewed his budget performance report. The auditor will be in next week. Mr. Hoefs reported the revenues are higher than expenses.

**Operational Report** Mr. Hoefs reviewed the operational report and answered committee questions. He reported an employee nicked his foot with a chainsaw, received several stitches and will be out of work for a couple of weeks. They are having limited success hiring seasonal help. The more projects there are, the more resources they need. They sold some old equipment on auction in March. They will be pulverizing 10,000 tons of topsoil. There is a new work zone field manual issued by the Department of Transportation with many changes. National Work Zone Awareness Week is April 26 – 30, 2021. Road restrictions were lifted on April 12, 2021.

**Project Report** Mr. Hoefs reviewed the submitted project status report and answered committee questions. All signs over five years old will be replaced. Mr. Hoefs reported there are several projects in the process including state and county projects for seal coating, crack sealing, resurfacing and reconstruction. The Yellow Lake Road Bridge replacement project public meeting is Friday, April 30, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. at the Burnett County Highway Department. Mr. Hoefs is preparing and compiling information to send out a request for proposal (RFP) for County Trunk Highway X from Village of Webster to Fristed Road. This may be a project funded by state or federal funding.

Administrator Ehalt stated there are five proposals for the public safety facility to review. Mr. Ehalt will be meeting with Chairman Taylor, Supervisor Awe, Supervisor Pardun, Sheriff Finch and the contractors.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS List of projects for the airport.

**NEXT MEETING DATE** May 12, 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT** Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Lund, seconded by Supervisor Moody. Motion carried, voice vote. Chairman Awe adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.