



COUNTY OF BURNETT  
**INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**  
Burnett County Government Center  
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## MINUTES

Infrastructure Committee

May 12, 2021

**MEMBERS PRESENT** Chuck Awe, Emmett Byrne, Bert Lund, Jr., Ramona Moody, Duane Johnson, James Pearson and Don Taylor (9:38 a.m.).

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

**CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Awe called the May 12, 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 amend the agenda order to move item #6 was made by Supervisor Lund, seconded by Supervisor Byrne. Motion carried, voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 2021, MEETING** Motion to amend the minutes of the April, 2021 meeting to add James Pearson to members present was made by Supervisor Pearson, seconded by Supervisor Byrne. Motion carried, voice vote.

### **AIRPORT DEPARTMENT**

**Budget Performance Report** The Airport Budget Performance Report was submitted and reviewed.

**Operational Report** Administrator Ehalt answered committee questions. Chairman Awe stated the time trials was a success. Webster Schools donated use of bleachers for the event. Mr. Ehalt stated there was a fuel increase.

**Project Report** Mr. Ehalt answered committee questions. Projects listed for next year would be reconstructing the ramp and some taxiways. They will also be adding security cameras. They would be discussing these projects with MSA Professional Services and the Bureau of Aeronautics. A few items mentioned for the \$13,000.00 federal funding would be replacement of the sign, painting the beacon tower, replace the windsock, repair some windows and airport plates for the vehicles. Chairman Awe stated he would like to categorize the items into three categories; safety; preventative maintenance and aesthetics. Mr. Ehalt stated the recreational hangar owners volunteered to paint the terminal. The county purchases the materials. The airport mechanic OT, who leases space at one of the county hangars, would like to have conversation with the committee when his schedule permits.

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## **MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

**Budget Performance Report** Maintenance Supervisor Gary Faught reviewed his budget performance report.

**Operational Report** Mr. Faught reviewed his submitted report and answered committee questions. There has been a three-week delay with the clerk of courts counter installation project. The Cellblock C shower was tampered with by an inmate causing it to flood the inside wall cavity and it leaked into rooms 240A and 247. Mr. Faught discovered some rust on the metal panels on the roof that will need repair. The maintenance department has been setting up jury trials at the Adventures Church.

**Project Report** Mr. Faught reviewed his project report and answered committee questions. The installation of a variable frequency drive on the pumps will take place mid-June and the replacement of both boiler pumps. The upgrade for the sewer pump station controls will take place mid to late summer.

**APPROVE CONTENT RFP FOR AUDIO/VISUAL SYSTEM PROJECT** IT Director James Leckel answered committee questions. Motion to approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) content for the audio/visual system project was made by Supervisor Pearson, seconded by Supervisor Taylor. The motion was not put on the table and was withdrawn by Supervisor Pearson.

Motion to approve the RFP contingent on review by Administrator Ehalt and Corporation Counsel Dave Grindell, with completion of the dates and timeline added was made by Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Pearson. Motion carried, voice vote.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

**Budget Performance Report** Highway Commissioner Mike Hoefs reviewed his budget performance report.

**Operational Report** Mr. Hoefs reviewed the operational report and answered committee questions. There was a resignation in the department and they are having a hard time finding a replacement. There was committee discussion on bidding on projects out of the county. Supervisor Pearson is opposed to doing work outside the county because it is a risk and we are already short staffed. Supervisor Moody suggested it be an agenda item so there can be preparation. Funding for the Grantsburg salt shed has been approved for 2021. There are delays in procuring a new dump truck. They will be purchasing chainsaw resistant boots.

**Project Report** Mr. Hoefs reviewed the submitted project status report and answered committee questions. Included in the packet is a 2021-2029 project map. Currently there are three bridge projects in process. There was a planning meeting with public comment on the Yellow Lake Road Bridge with approximately 50 public in attendance. The County Road B Bridge project is awaiting the completed contract for signing before starting. County Road B will be closed for four to six weeks during construction of the bridge. North Williams Road Bridge will have bid paperwork ready by mid-June to go out to perspective contractors. Completed a job for the Town of Jackson and Town of Siren there will be 10 culverts done in the next few weeks.

**Accept the Resignation of Highway Operator Andrew Coy and Approve Refilling the Position** Motion to approve the resignation of Highway Operator Andrew Coy and approve refilling the position was made by Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Lund. Motion carried, voice vote.

**Motion to go into Closed Session Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(e) to Discuss and Negotiate the Purchase of Public Property** Motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(e) to discuss and negotiate the purchase of public property was made by Supervisor Moody, seconded by Supervisor Johnson. Roll call vote: Chairman Awe, yes;

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Supervisor Johnson, yes; Supervisor Byrne, yes; Supervisor Pearson, yes; Supervisor Byrne, yes; Supervisor Lund, yes; Supervisor Moody, yes; Supervisor Taylor, yes. Yes, 7; no, 0. Motion carried, roll call vote. Closed session entered at 11:00 a.m.

**Motion to Reconvene into Open Session** Motion to reconvene into open session was made by Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Pearson. Motion carried, voice vote.

**Any Action Deemed Necessary from Closed Session Discussion** Motion to approve the land acquisition with a stipulation of approval from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources was made by Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Pearson. Motion carried, voice vote.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** Intergovernmental road work.

**NEXT MEETING DATE** June 9, 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT** Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Byrne. Motion carried, voice vote. Chairman Awe adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.