



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

Infrastructure Committee  
August 11, 2021

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Awe called the August 11, 2021, meeting of the Infrastructure Committee to order at the Burnett County Government Center, Room 165 at 9:30 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** Marian Moyer stated virtual meetings are nice but not the same. She enjoys the in-person meeting. It will be nice to have the new audio/visual project completed. Ms. Moyer thanked the committee for being mindful for the updating. Nora Ehalt stated she wants to learn more about the 2022 budget. Nolan Ehalt stated he is here to learn more about infrastructure.

**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 JULY 14, 2021, MEETING** Motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2021, meeting as submitted was made by Supervisor Lund, seconded by Supervisor Moody. Motion carried, voice vote.

**UPDATE ON AUDIO/VISUAL PROJECT** IT Director James Leckel announced the company AVI was selected as the vendor for the new audio/visual project. They had the best support option and the company is Minneapolis based. Room 165 will have the ability to do both ZOOM and conferencing and will include cameras. The County Board Room 160 will be configured as well. There will be speakers in room 162/163 for audio. The total cost for the project is \$178,000.00 and includes five years of support, hardware, setup, programming and installation. The project will be paid for through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

**UPDATE ON PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY PROJECT** Administrator Nate Ehalt stated there was a meeting last week with the engineers and contractors and they are looking at where the facility might sit. The next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2021. The Administration Committee will meet on Monday, August 16, 2021, where a resolution constituting a declaration of official intent to borrow approximately \$27 million, will be considered. The final cost estimate

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is between \$28 and \$32 million. The next jail tour will be in Eau Claire County and is scheduled for Monday, August 16, 2021.

### **AIRPORT DEPARTMENT**

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

**Operational Report** Administrator Nate Ehalt answered committee questions. Fiscal Manager Judy Cornelison stated they were approached by LifeLink to set up an account so they could fuel here. Mr. Ehalt reported there were approximately 4,000 people in attendance at the Gandy Dancer Fly/In.

**Project Report** Mr. Ehalt answered committee questions. The Burnett County Airfield sign is being replaced and paid for by federal aid through the Bureau of Aeronautics (BOA).

**2022 Department Budget Review and Committee Approval** Administrator Ehalt stated there are no significant changes to the budget. The capital improvement budget is \$35,000.00. They will be seal coating the taxiways, redoing the apron and are looking at installing some cameras as well.

<u>2022 Budget Summary Request</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u>
Airport	\$263,566.00	\$357,096.00	(\$98,530.00)

Motion to approve the 2022 Airport Department budget proposal and recommend to the Administration Committee for approval was made by Supervisor Moody, seconded by Supervisor Johnson. Motion carried, voice vote.

### **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. The UPS batteries and the boiler pump have been replaced. Mr. Faught reported all septic tanks have been pumped and they have wrapped up the Clerk of Courts counter/window project.

**Project Report** Mr. Faught reviewed his project report and answered committee questions. The glass for the counters will be installed next week for the Treasurers and Land Services counters.

### **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. The Highway Department is fully staffed. Discussions continue with the Village of Grantsburg for a state funded salt shed to be constructed. Hopkins Sand and Gravel is busy crushing gravel.

**Project Report** Mr. Hoefs reviewed the submitted project status report and answered committee questions. County Trunk Highway H will be fog sealed next week. The County Trunk Highway B re-decking project is projected to be completed in three weeks. There will be large culverts replaced in Alpha and State Highway 70 will be closed through that area with detours provided for two days during construction. County Trunk Highway D reconstruction between North Williams Road and County Trunk Highway M will have culverts replaced this fall. The Yellow Lake Road Bridge replacement project is ongoing and they are working on land acquisitions. One of the bridge construction companies in Wisconsin has been debarred from the state. This construction company

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has been contracted in several counties, including Burnett County, for bridge projects. We will have to look for another bridge company and our projects costs could increase by 15 percent. Mr. Hoefs reported he would be submitting a funding application for County Trunk Highway X reconstruction from the Webster Village limits to Gaslyn Road.

**2022 Department Budget Review and Committee Approval** Mr. Hoefs reviewed the 2022 budget. Mr. Hoefs removed the mulcher and pickup truck from the budget.

<u>2022 Budget Summary Request</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net</u>
Highway	\$6,627,432.00	\$6,627,432.00	\$0.00

Motion to approve the 2022 Highway Department budget proposal and submit to the Administration Committee for approval was made by Supervisor Pearson, seconded by Supervisor Lund. Motion carried, voice vote.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** There were none.

**NEXT MEETING DATE** September 8, 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT** Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Lund, seconded by Supervisor Moody. Motion carried, voice vote. Chairman Awe adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.