



COUNTY OF BURNETT
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
Burnett County Highway Government Center
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MINUTES

Infrastructure Committee
December 8, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT Chuck Awe, Don Taylor, Emmett Byrne, Ramona Moody, James Pearson and Duane Johnson.

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

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Awe called the December 8, 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 Byrne, seconded by Supervisor Moody. Motion carried, voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2021, MEETING Motion to approve the minutes of November 10, 2021, meeting was made by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Pearson. Motion carried, voice vote.

UPDATE ON PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY PROJECT Administrator Ehalt stated the committee is welcome to look at the existing proposed Public Facility Project documents. Any changes need to be back to the management team by December 21, 2021. They will be pre-bidding sidewalls, roofing and steel by January 11, 2022. The rest of the bids would be submitted in March and April. The final loan was finalized last week for the maximum amount of \$30,700,000.00. The project continues to move forward with the transition team reviewing all the perspectives. Mr. Ehalt reported they are looking at their options for hooking up to the Siren Sanitary District.

DISCUSS HOW TO MOVE FORWARD REVIEWING POLICIES Chairman Awe asked the committee to come up with suggestions when reviewing policies. Supervisor Johnson suggested the Maintenance Department continue prepping, staffing and supplying cleaning supplies for the new facility. It was also suggested the Highway Department to strive working with other departments within the county. He would like to see them continue their strong and friendly working relationship with the townships. Supervisor Pearson questioned what the Highway Department would do when everything turns to electric for their trucks and equipment. Supervisor Byrne questioned how cold weather affects a battery. Administrator Ehalt stated they

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are preparing for electric charging stations for the new facility. Mr. Faught suggested updating and reviewing the policies. Administrator Ehalt stated he is going to work with Department Heads in March and then the County Board. Supervisor Awe suggested adding review policies to the meeting agenda in June.

AIRPORT DEPARTMENT

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

Operational Report There was nothing to report.

Project Report Administrator Ehalt reported there are 26 county owned acres that could be used for development such as truck driver training school or solar development. They will have to have discussion with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to see if this is feasible. There will be a new hangar built next spring. The airport will be conducting a fixed aircraft count. They need to have at least ten operating aircraft for federal funding. Mr. Ehalt commented there is a need for volunteers for the airport events that happen every year.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

Operational Report Mr. Faught submitted his operations report for review. Plumbing is scheduled today for the replacement of some cast iron pipes.

Project Report Mr. Faught submitted his project report for review.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Budget Performance Report Highway Commissioner Mike Hoefs submitted his budget performance report. Mr. Hoefs reported, after training, he is now certified to inspect bridges in the county and is trying to strengthen the program.

Operational Report Mr. Hoefs reviewed the operational report and answered committee questions. They are currently working on the Trade River satellite. The CAT 614G scraper was sold for \$45,000.00 and used for trade for the CAT 320 excavator. They rented equipment from Hopkins Sand and Gravel to be able to stack the salt/sand. A couple of employees will be going to excavator operation training. Northwest Wisconsin Electric Company is providing power line training for the Highway Department. Mr. Hoefs reviewed a few key items from the newly signed infrastructure bill, which includes; passenger and freight rail, public transit, roads, bridges, major projects, electric vehicles, airports, safety, power infrastructure, reconnecting communities, water, high speed internet, environmental remediation and plan funding. Highway Operations Manager Jeremy Burton stated the anti-icing program includes spraying bridges and intersections. They have calibrated their trucks and equipped the trucks the same.

Project Report Mr. Hoefs reviewed the submitted project status report and answered committee questions. They have completed all the state projects for the year. The drainage easement paperwork is signed and they are cleaning the ditch north of County Trunk Highway D. The Yellow Lake Bridge project will begin construction in 2022.

Decide Who Will Attend Wisconsin County Highway Association Winter Road School January 17-19, 2022 Commissioner Hoefs and Supervisor Awe will attend the conference.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS There were none.

NEXT MEETING DATE January 12, 2022.

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ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Moody. Motion carried, voice vote. Chairman Awe adjourned the meeting at 11:46 a.m.