



COUNTY OF BURNETT
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Infrastructure Committee

May 11, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT Chuck Awe, Don Taylor, Emmett Byrne, Ramona Moody, Karen Laqua Anderson, Patti Hurd and Duane Johnson.

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

CALL TO ORDER County Board Chair Taylor called the May 11, 2022, meeting of the Infrastructure Committee to order at the Burnett County Government Center at 9:30 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS There were none.

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

ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR AND SECRETARY County Board Chair Don Taylor opened the nominations for Chair of the Infrastructure Committee. Supervisor Johnson was nominated for Chair by Supervisor Moody. Being there were no other nominations, a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Supervisor Johnson for Chair was made by Supervisor Byrne, seconded by Supervisor Awe. Motion carried, voice vote. County Board Chair Don Taylor turned the election over to Committee Chairman Johnson. Chairman Johnson opened the nominations for Vice-Chair. Supervisor Moody was nominated for Vice-Chair by Supervisor Awe. Being there were no other nominations, a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Supervisor Moody for Vice-Chair was made by Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Awe. Motion carried, voice vote. Chairman Johnson opened the nominations for Secretary. Supervisor Byrne was nominated for Secretary by Supervisor Taylor. Being there were no other nominations, a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Supervisor Byrne for Secretary was made by Supervisor Moody, seconded by Supervisor Taylor. Motion carried, voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13, 2022, MEETING Motion to approve the minutes of April 13, 2022, meeting was made by Supervisor Byrne, seconded by Supervisor Moody. Chairman Johnson noted there are unnecessary words in a sentence under the project report for Maintenance. The words "to be able" can be removed in the second sentence and find out what the amended agenda order was for clarification. Motion carried with changes, voice vote.

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UPDATE ON PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY PROJECT Administrator Nate Ehalt spoke to the bid openings on approximately 60 items for the new facility. The bids came in high at \$3.6 million over the projected budget. He is working with existing contractors and bid winners to work on some changes to the plans that would result in cost reductions necessary of \$1.5 million in order to make the project budget work. Using sales tax, ARPA funds and investment interest revenue will provide for the remaining funds necessary in the cost of the project and will be discussed at the full county board meeting next week. This will bring the cost of the project to just over \$37 million. The projection does not show any inflation relief anytime soon. Groundbreaking is still on schedule for the first part of June if everything is approved. We are looking at hooking up a portion of the facility to the Siren Sanitary system. This will increase our ongoing operational expense a little.

AIRPORT DEPARTMENT

Budget Performance Report The Airport Budget Performance Report was submitted and reviewed. With new supervisors, Administrator Ehalt updated the history of management of the airport going from a full-time airport manager to Mr. Ehalt taking over the position and having an onsite operations supervisor.

Operational Report Mr. Ehalt reported they are starting to mow the grounds. Fuel sales are down the past month, most likely due to lack of good flying weather.

Project Report Mr. Ehalt reported on the airport projects planned for the summer of 2022, will now be pushed back to the summer of 2023. The Department of Natural Resources did not approve the original development of the plan and implementation. They are requiring a more formal plan for approval.

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. No real issues or updates in this area to report. Mr. Faught inspected areas of piping at the airport to be better informed how the water flows away from buildings.

Project Report Mr. Faught submitted his project report for review. Nothing has really changed since last month.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Budget Performance Report Highway Commissioner Mike Hoefs submitted his budget performance report. Mr. Hoefs explained his budget report to the new committee members for a better understanding of reading the report.

Operational Report Mr. Hoefs reviewed the operational report and answered committee questions. Mr. Hoefs updated on the April meeting with recognizing his staff and their work. They were very grateful hearing from the supervisors how much they are appreciated. The two vacancies have been filled. They are mainly working on pothole patching, culvert replacement and tree/brush maintenance. They are gearing up for crack sealing projects. The facilities are in great shape. A satellite facility in the Town of Anderson is under construction for equipment storage and a salt shed. The funding for the facility will come from the State of Wisconsin. There are 28,000 cubic yards (42,000 tons) of dirt necessary for excavating for the new public safety facility. They will take most of this from the county line in the southern part of the county by Polk County. They have done gravel crushing at a pit in the Town of Dewey. A training event in May will be for refreshing on safety procedures. The Summer Road School is scheduled in June and Mr. Hoefs requested anyone interesting in going should contact him. In Chapter 83 of the

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Wisconsin Statutes is the defined roll and responsibility of the County Highway Committee, known to us as the Infrastructure Committee.

Project Report Mr. Hoefs reviewed the submitted project status report and answered committee questions. A number of improvements will be made on the Highway 70 Bridge west of Grantsburg and a seal coat put on Viola Lake Road to County Road X. The projects for county road paving will be on County Road D and a little on County Road O. The County Road X repaving project is underway for approximately a mile and a half south of State Road 70. Mr. Hoefs is working on a couple options to work on in the county that will use the remaining budget funds for 2022 projects. County Road X from State Road 35 to Gaslyn Road project will be funded by the state. Another project in the planning is for County Road E in the Town of Scott for 2023. Mr. Hoefs continues to negotiate on pricing for products as costs are very high.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS Wisconsin County Highway Association (WCHA) Report.

NEXT MEETING DATE To be determined.

ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Awe. Motion carried, voice vote. Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m.