



COUNTY OF BURNETT
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
Burnett County Government Center
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MINUTES

Infrastructure Committee
July 13, 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 Chairman Johnson the July 13, 2022, meeting of the Infrastructure Committee to order at the Burnett County Government Center at 9:30 a.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS Xavier Burger (nine year-old Great-Grandson of Emmett Byrne) asked several questions to the committee members to earn a merit badge for Boy Scouts. One question asked was, "What is your most important responsibility?" Chairman Johnson responded, "To represent the constituents and the people of Burnett County in taking care of the infrastructure of Burnett County, which includes roads, buildings, new public safety facility, etc." A second question was, "What is the biggest challenge?" Chairman Johnson responded, "Too many projects and not enough money". Chairman Johnson thanked Xavier for his participation in today's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 11, 2022, MEETING Motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2022, meeting was made by Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Moody. Motion carried, voice vote.

UPDATE ON PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY PROJECT Administrator Nate Ehalt reported they would be having a bid opening at the end of this month for the sanitary sewer system and a couple other aspects of the project not yet bid on.

AIRPORT DEPARTMENT

Budget Performance Report The Airport Budget Performance Report was submitted and reviewed. The fuel sales for the low lead is down possibly due to higher prices.

Operational Report Mr. Ehalt reported they are starting to mow the grounds. There has been prep work for the upcoming air show on July 23, 2022.

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Project Report Mr. Ehalt reported one of the projects for next summer is the apron at the airport.

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. Mr. Faught thanked the Highway Department for getting the parking lot ready. He stated they have been very busy with the day-to-day operations and with the new construction for the Public Safety Facility. They removed components from the old audio system in rooms 160, 162, 163, 164 and 165 to make way for the new audio system. Mr. Faught reported they stayed late June 24, 2022, to help the Sheriff's Department search for possible evidence in the sewer line due to the death of an inmate. They swapped out 84 courtroom chairs and cleaned up a rusty loaded pistol for the Sheriff's Department found in a river.

Project Report Mr. Faught submitted his project report for review. Nothing has really changed since last month. They are updating the variable frequency drives.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Budget Performance Report Highway Commissioner Mike Hoefs submitted his budget performance report. Mr. Hoefs stated they have to forego the County Trunk Highway O paving. The bid was 30% higher than budgeted. The project has estimated costs of \$210,000.00.

Operational Report Mr. Hoefs reviewed the operational report and answered committee questions. Mr. Hoefs reported the experienced employee number is dwindling and six out of 19 people have resigned or retired. They have considered drafting a policy to hire individuals that do not have a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) and the county provide the resources for obtaining a CDL. Mr. Ehalt discussed the Sheriff's Department new policy they are considering to work in the Corrections/Communications Department for an extended amount of time and then train to be a deputy. They are going to look into funding for these training programs. They will put together a draft policy to send to the Administration Committee to move forward in August. The biggest concern is employee retention and attracting new employees. There are plans to install signs for the Amish on State Highway 70 east of Hertel.

Project Report Mr. Hoefs reviewed the submitted project status report and answered committee questions. They will be working on the State Highway 77 concrete deck overlay over the St. Croix River and seal coating on State Highway 70 from Viola Lake Road to County Trunk Highway X. The Yellow Lake Road bridge replacement will begin August 1, 2022, and will host a public information meeting in late July.

Approval to Refill the Mechanic/Welder Position at the Highway Department due to the Resignation of Damon Johnson Motion to approve refilling the Mechanic/Welder Position at the Highway Department due to the Resignation of Damon Johnson was made by Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Byrne. Motion carried, voice vote.

Approval to Refill the Highway Maintenance Worker position due to the Resignation of David Cederberg Motion to approve refilling the Highway Maintenance Worker position due to the Resignation of David Cederberg was made by Supervisor Moody, seconded by Supervisor Hurd. Motion carried, voice vote.

Partial 2023 Budget Review/Approval – Capital Equipment and Highway Improvement Projects Mr. Hoefs reviewed the 2023 capital equipment requests which includes; a body for a unit #183 replacement dump/plow truck (includes trade-in), chassis for unit #194 replacement bump/plow truck and replacement for #26 semi-truck (includes trade-in). Total cost is

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\$419,368.00. Mr. Hoefs reviewed the six-year capital improvement plan. There was no action necessary.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS There was none.

NEXT MEETING DATE August 10, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Moody, seconded by Supervisor Byrne. Motion carried, voice vote. Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.