



COUNTY OF BURNETT
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Burnett County Government Center
February 16, 2011

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Awe called the February 16, 2010, meeting of the Infrastructure Committee to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room 165 of the Burnett County Government Center.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT Charles Awe, Bert Lund, Jr., Jim Sundquist, Christopher Sybers, Eldon Freese and Donald Taylor (9:20 a.m.).

MEMBER EXCUSED Richard Anderson.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Mr. Costerisan asked to reserve his public comment for agenda items 9c and 10b. Chairman Awe approved the request. Mr. Costerisan also shared he had been informed the possible dollars Congressman Obey was working on obtaining to help fund the communication towers project in Burnett County was not going to happen.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2010, MEETING Motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2010, Infrastructure Committee meeting was made by Supervisor Lund, seconded by Supervisor Freese. Motion carried, voice vote.

COUNTY ROAD H SPEED REDUCTION REQUEST Highway Commissioner Robert Morehouse updated the committee on the November request by the Webb Lake Town Board to lower the speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph on County Road H from State Road 77 to the Scott Township boundary line. Mr. Morehouse recommends reducing the speed limit only from State Road 77 to North Des Moines Lake Road. Motion to reduce the section of County Road H from State Road 77 to North Des Moines Lake Road from 55 mph to 45 mph was made by Supervisor Sundquist, seconded by Supervisor Freese. Motion carried, voice vote.

AIRPORT DEPARTMENT

Year to Date Budget Summary There were no questions from the committee for Airport Manager Jeremy Sickler on the submitted Year-to-Date Budget Summary.

Operations Report There were no questions from the committee on the submitted Operations Report.

Project Reports There were no questions from the committee for Mr. Sickler on the submitted Project Report.

AIRPORT MARKETING PLAN Mr. Sickler informed the committee the planning research stage for the market plan has been completed and the data is now being compiled to present the report. Chairman Awe and Mr. Sickler are very happy with the level of participation from the *Airport Marketing Committee* ~~oversight committee~~ members with the project.

2010 Budget Carryover Request Mr. Sickler presented a carryover request for the remaining balance from 2010 in the airport expansion project – capital improvement fund. These funds are designated and must be used for the county’s matching share on federal or state funded projects for the airport. Motion to approve the carryover of funds in the amount of \$90,069.71 from 2010 to 2011 budget line number 101-21-53512 was made by Supervisor Sundquist, seconded by Supervisor Lund. Motion carried, voice vote.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Year to Date Budget Summary There were no questions on the submitted Maintenance Department Budget Performance Report.

Operations Report Mr. Faught reviewed the department operations report and answered questions from the committee. Mr. Faught informed the committee on new regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) governing small generator use by entities like ourselves for use only during emergency situations to help reduce exhaust discharge. We have a commercial three phase system that currently runs approximately \$1,000.00 per month to run during peak hours. The current rate is \$8.95 per 100 kilowatt hours and we get charged a rate of approximately \$5.71 per kilowatt hour. The new rate structure will raise our costs to over \$1,700.00 a month. There will be mandatory requirements put in place by May 2013 with the new rate structure. Polk-Burnett Electric Company, our provider of electric service, is looking to make their changes by 2012. These changes will not affect our 2011 budget but will need to be addressed in the 2012 budget.

Project Reports There were no questions from the committee for Maintenance Supervisor Faught on the submitted Project Report. Mr. Faught did inform the committee the cast iron drain repair replacements had been done ahead of schedule.

Supervisor Taylor now present 9:20 a.m.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Year to Date Budget Summary There were no questions on the submitted Highway Department Year-to-Date Account Classification Report.

Operations Report Mr. Morehouse reviewed the operations of the Highway Department and answered questions from the committee.

Project Reports

COUNTY ROAD B UPDATE Mr. Morehouse reported two changes since the last update on this project. The construction bid date has been moved up and will take place in April of 2011 and the cost of the project has increased since its original plan due to inflation. The project for County Road B from Lind Road to Soderberg Road plus 1,300 feet has a projected cost of \$1,500,000.00 and will take 30 days to complete.

ROUND-A-BOUT Mr. Morehouse reviewed the Open Project Status Report and answered questions from the committee. Discussion ensued on the latest proposed plan from the state on the round-a-bout intended at the intersection on State Road 35 and 70. The latest plan eliminates the by-pass heading east to Spooner. This change is presumed to be a cost savings measure to reduce the overall project amount. The committee asked Mr. Morehouse to write a letter of

protest to the state on the newly proposed plan requesting the project be abandoned if this plan is to be used or defer the project until a later time when there are enough funds to do it right as previously approved.

NACE Conference in Minneapolis April 18-19, 2011, Discussion The National Association of County Engineers (NACE) will be held in Minneapolis on April 18 and 19, 2011. Motion to approve Mr. Morehouse attending the NACE conference and sending the request to the Administration Committee for out-of-state travel approval was made by Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Sybers. Motion carried, voice vote.

CHAIRMAN UPDATES

Forest Harvest Bids for County Land North of Airport Chairman Awe informed the committee the bid opening on the land owned by the county north of the airport was quite successful. The land was split into two separate lots for bid/cutting purposes. The two bids accepted were \$137,900.00 and \$41,600.00, totaling \$179,500.00 and will be cut this spring.

County ATV Transportation Plan Chairman Awe attended the Natural Resources Committee meeting looking for involvement by their committee in the possible development of a county wide plan addressing a connecting route system to county ATV trails. Chairman Main of the Natural Resources Committee agreed to attend the next Towns Association meeting with Supervisor Awe to propose the idea to the townships and see at what level they may be willing to be involved.

REVIEW “GRAVELING OUR ROADS” REPORT AND OTHER BANG FOR THE BUCK REPORTS Supervisor Lund presented information on this area of topic from his research. Discussion was lead by Chairman Awe on his ideas for available resources for gathering information, how to compose the information, and what the final version for presentation may consist of on each of their assigned areas of research for their “Bang for the Buck” reports.

SUMMARY OF HIGHWAY CONFERENCE It was noted Mr. Morehouse is well known and respected around the state as a highway commissioner. Notes of interest from the conference were shared with the committee.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS 2011 seasonal road restrictions and refill a highway position vacancy due to the retirement of Allen Benson.

NEXT MEETING DATE March 16, 2011.

ADJOURN Motion to adjourn the February 16, 2011, meeting of the Infrastructure Committee was made by Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Lund. Motion carried, voice vote. Chairman Awe adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Note: Correction to minutes made and approved at March 16, 2011, Infrastructure Committee meeting.