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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD

Called by: Chairman Tassoni

DATE: Tuesday, December 13, 2022

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

Members: Angela Fellars,
Chris Scrol, Jim Webster,
John Penney, John Guevara
and Kevin McCarthy

LOCATION: Room 510
County Administration Building
404 Elm Street
Rockford, IL 61101

MINUTES:

A. Call to Order – CHAIRMAN TASSONI CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:05 P.M.

B. Rollcall –

Present: Dave Tassoni, Chris Scrol, Jim Webster, John Guevara and Kevin McCarthy

Also: Carlos Molina, County Engineer
John Giliberti, State Attorney's Office

C. Approval of Minutes – MR. TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE October 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes. SECONDED BY MR. MCCARTHY AND MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT
Closed Meeting - None

D. Public Comment – This is the time we invite the public to address the Public Works Committee with issues and concerns. We ask you to limit your comments to three minutes. Personal attacks or inappropriate language of any sort will not be tolerated. A maximum of five speakers will be heard on a first come basis with sign up at the meeting. Speakers may not address zoning matters, which are pending before the Zoning Committee, Zoning Board of Appeals, or the County Board. Personnel matters or pending or threatened litigation may not be addressed in open session. An individual may speak a maximum of three times per calendar year on the same topic. This prohibition shall include the repetition of the same topic in a statement on what is purported to be a different topic. After acknowledgement by the chair, please stand and state your name. Thank you for your cooperation.



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E. Legislation

Old Legislation –

New Legislation –

(22-039) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of a Change in Plans to Reconcile Bid Quantities with As-built Quantities for Charles Street Resurfacing from Alpine Road to Mulford Road (Section: 21-00687-00-RS)). Mr. Molina informed that this change order is for a deduction after the final quantities have been measured and compared to the contract quantities. **SECONDED BY MR. GERL AND MR. KELLEY. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$(27,232.83) Deduction

C.B. District: 15

(22-040) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the County of Winnebago, The City of South Beloit, The Village of Winnebago and Rockford Township for the Coordination of a SPR Grant. Mr. Molina informed the PWC that we applied for this Grant early in 2021. The Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) grant is at no cost to Winnebago County. We asked other local government agencies to participate in the application; and the City of South Beloit, The Village of Winnebago and Rockford Township are the only agencies that accepted the invitation. The data collection part of the grant is for street signs, guardrails, traffic signals and much more; this will be entered in a GIS system for asset management and inventory control. **SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER AND MR. GUEVARA. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Total Cost: \$668,900

C.B. District: County Wide

County Cost: \$00.00

Federal Funds: \$535,120

State Funds: \$133,780

(22-041) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Skid Steer Loader. Mr. Molina explained to the PWC that the purchase of this Skid Loader was included in the budget for \$70,000. We are hoping to make up the price difference with the sale of the old Skid Loader. Once or twice a year we bring a Resolution declaring surplus of Highway Department vehicles and equipment to authorize their sale. **SECONDED BY MR. GUEVARA. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$74,718.61

C.B. District: County Wide

(22-042) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution for Award of Maintenance of Traffic Signals on the County Highway System and the Appropriation of MFT Funds (Section: 22-00711-00-TL). Mr. Molina informed the PWC that we have 67 traffic signals locations and 200 plus street lights throughout Winnebago County. This Agreement is for 2 years with the option to extend for an



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additional 2 years. After one year, the Contractors rate may increase at their request dependent on current inflation set by the Consumer Price Index. This Resolution also includes the approval of MFT Funds. This approval allows us to use MFT Funds. SECONDED BY MR. MCCARTHY. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$562,990

C.B. District: County Wide

(22-043) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of a Change in Plans to Reconcile Bid Quantities with As-Built Quantities for Latham Road Resurfacing from Meridian Road to Owen Center Road (Section: 21-00700-00-RS). Mr. Molina informed that this change order is for a deduction after the final quantities have been measured and compared to the contract quantities. SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$(83,440.59) Deduction

C.B. District: 1

Other Matters –

Budget Amendment-

Change Order(s) for Information Only –

- 21-00701-00-RS – Prairie Hill Road (CH 76) Resurfacing
Total Net Change (6,790.20)
- 22-00705-00-DR – Latham Road & Bell School Road Pipe Culvert Replacements
Total Net Change (7,519.80)
- 22-00710-00-MS - Rehabilitation of Well #1 Winnebago Water District Wellhouse by Municipal Well & Pump, Resolution #22-036
Total Net Change \$14,580

Mr. Molina handed out the Change Order and explained to the PWC that this handout was finalized after the Packet was sent out on Friday. Initially the Contractor was to refurbish Well # 1. The Contractor informed us it would be faster and more cost effective to purchase two (2) compatible/interchangeable pumps. It was also necessary to use a jockey pump during the installation to keep the water moving. We are still under our budgeted amount for the project. The Contractor is currently working on the project.

F. Reports

- a. PWC Chairman Tassoni – Chairman Tassoni extended a welcome to the new members of the Public Works Committee. Chairman Tassoni gave a brief overview of the funding sources that are used for Highway projects, the County match portion, Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) revenue we receive and that the Highway Department oversees Township MFT accounts by State Statutes, manage the Baxter Road Water system. Committee members briefly introduced themselves.



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Chairman Tassoni also informed the Public Works Committee that he has a zero tolerance for meeting absenteeism and tardiness. Chairman Tassoni asks that each Committee member show respect for each other's time and commitment to serve our community.

Chairman Tassoni urged the Committee to keep in mind the need for a set amount of funding to be set aside from the County's General Fund for the upkeep and maintenance of ageing roadways.

b. County Engineer Molina –

PWC Welcome - Mr. Molina welcomed the Public Work Committee Members. Mr. Molina informed the new members that he would e-mail them a PowerPoint presentation that he presented to the County Board early in 2022. Mr. Molina invited them to call him on his personal cell phone at any time and he will do what he can to help them.

Perryville Road & Broadcast Pkwy. – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that there was a single car accident at Perryville and Broadcast Pkwy. last night. The entire mast arm came down. To get in new replacement parts will take a few weeks so you will see span wire at this intersection.

Rockford Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) – The MPO Policy Committee has awarded additional funding for our Riverside Boulevard Corridor Improvement Project for \$3,918,154.71. This gives us an approximate 9.5 million dollar total of Federal Funding. The County will have to provide a 20% local match. We foresee utilities to begin moving in 2024 and construction in 2025. The project spans from Material Avenue to Sage Drive and will incorporate new dual turn lanes, traffic signals, lighting, resurfacing, storm sewer, pedestrian accommodations, etc.

Pecatonica Prairie Trail – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that the Highway Department maintains the trail from Meridian Rd to the Stephenson County line. ComEd has been working to replace a bridge on their easement just west of the village of Pecatonica. The Trail has been closed for the last month and is expected to be complete by the end of this year.

Prairie Hill Road Bridge – Mr. Molina explained to the PWC that Prairie Hill Road was transferred to the County from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) from IL Rt. 2 to S. Bluff Street a few years ago. At that time, we received 3.5 million from IDOT in addition; we received a grant of Federal Funds for 4.5 million. To replace the bridge today it would cost approximately 10 million dollars. The Highway Department is working with IDOT to look at all the alternatives.



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Roscoe Road Bridge – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that this bridge is over the Rock River and carries a significant amount of traffic. We have \$ 2.8 million allocated funds from IDOT that are earmarked for rehabilitation only to repair beam ends, joints and the bridge deck in 2027 and 2028. If the funding was available, I would like to see this be a 3-lane or 4-lane roadway with a bike path.

Meridian Road Bridge – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that this bridge is located over the Pecatonica River in need of repair. The concrete on the deck is deteriorating, so we have placed a steel plate on a small portion of the deck due to concrete failures. Highway Staff has applied for funding the last 2 years with no avail and we are applying again this year. We have to plan accordingly for this 6 to 7 year process.

Mr. Molina also mentioned that Latham Road Bridge and Baer Parkway Bridge would also need some maintenance work.

Fiber Optic Permitting - Mr. Molina informed the PWC that when a utility company wants to do work in County right-of-way the company is required to apply for a permit and pay a fee to the County. Mr. Molina express his concern of an influx of permits being issued for fiber optic (communications).

G. New Business –

H. Adjourn/Recess – MR. MCCARTHY MOVED TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY MR. GUEVARA. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.
Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tracy Robinson, Administrative Assistant