



WINNEBAGO COUNTY

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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD

Called by: Chairman Tassoni

DATE: Tuesday, January 17, 2023

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 5:00 P.M.
- B. Rollcall –
Present: Dave Tassoni, Angela Fellars, Chris Scrol, Jim Webster, 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 December 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes. SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER AND MS. FELLARS. 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 –

(23-001) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Declaring as Surplus Highway Department Vehicles and Equipment and Authorizing Sale. Mr. Molina informed the PWC that this is brought to the committee once or twice a year to dispose of surplus vehicles and equipment. The County’s purchasing Ordinance states that the County Board has to authorize the disposal of said surplus equipment, which may be obsolete or no longer needed for public use. **SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$N/A

C.B. District: County Wide

(23-002) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Local Public Agency Agreement with IDOT for a SPR Grant (Section: 22-00707-00-ES). Mr. Molina informed the PWC that this Resolution is to authorize the Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) grant funding agreement with the State. This allows the County to be reimbursed at 100% as we invoice the State throughout the process. There is no cost to the County except our staff time. Three other local agencies are participating in this grant, which was approved by the County Board on December 22, 2022 (PWC Resolution #22-040).

SECONDED BY MS. FELLARS. 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

Other Matters –

Budget Amendment-

Change Order(s) for Information Only –

- 22-00710-00-MS – For the Rehabilitation of Well #1 Winnebago Water District Wellhouse

Total Net Change \$7,663.00

Mr. Molina updated the PWC that the Contractor found while replacing the pump that there was a large buildup of silt and sediment on the bottom of the well. The well is approximately 1500 feet deep

F. Reports

- a. PWC Chairman Tassoni – Chairman Tassoni informed the PWC that he e-mailed the County Board an article regarding the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) dollars plummeting. Chairman Tassoni wants to remind the PWC to continue to keep in mind the possibility of a line item of future casino revenues earmarked for the Highway Department.



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b. County Engineer Molina –

Winnebago County Maps – Mr. Molina handed out Winnebago County Maps, a section of a previous presentation to the PWC for their use. Mr. Molina also mentioned he is planning on going over future projects with the PWC in April.

County Highway Facilities Building – Mr. Molina reminded the PWC that the Highway Department does not have a building/garage large enough to store indoors our plow trucks and other expensive equipment. Most of public works agencies in the area do store their plow trucks indoors. Mr. Molina mentioned that during the winter storm that started on December 23, 2022, approximately half of our trucks did not start due to the extremely low temperatures and wind-chill. The fuel jelled up in the trucks that sat outside. The Foremen split the 24 plow routes in to two groups of around the clock coverage. Mr. Molina informed the PWC that price increases, new trucks cost between \$250,000 and \$300,000 and are not available until 2025 if ordered now. We have 28 plow trucks at the Highway Department.

Salt Update – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that we budgeted 1.2 million dollars of salt this year. At this time, we have used approximately 3,500 tons of salt, which is equivalent to 25%. Mr. Molina believes at full capacity including our satellite locations (Rock Cut and Mac Town) we can house approximately 7,400 tons of salt.

G. New Business –

H. Adjourn/Recess – MR. WEBSTER MOVED TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY MS. FELLARS. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tracy Robinson, Administrative Assistant