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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD

Called by: Chairman Tassoni

DATE: Tuesday, July 18, 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, Jim Webster, John Guevara and Kevin McCarthy

Also: Carlos Molina, County Engineer

C. Approval of Minutes – CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE June 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes. SECONDED BY 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.

E. Legislation

New Legislation –

(23-025) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Bid for Best Road Resurfacing (Section: 23-00716-00-RS) Mr. Molina informed the PWC this project will include widening, resurfacing, paved shoulders; centerline and



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edge rumble strips on Best Road from IL Rte. 75 to Lake Summerset. SECONDED BY MR. MCCARTHY AND MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$ 1,289,979.72

C.B. District: 2

(23-026) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing a Structural Engineering Services Agreement with Willett Hofmann & Associates, Inc. for Replacing the Prairie Hill Road Bridge over the Rock River (Section: 18-00655-00-BR). Mr. Molina informed the PWC that previously this structure was under IDOT’S jurisdiction. A few years ago, the Highway Department received approximately \$4.4 million dollars in Federal funding to replace the Prairie Hill Road Bridge over the Rock River. This agreement is for structural services and will provide the required Phase 1 and Phase II Engineering to update construction plans and bid documents. SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$308,769

C.B. District: 2, 4

(23-027) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with Region 1 Joint Planning Commission for the Development of a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Transportation Safety Action Plan. Mr. Molina informed the PWC that Region 1 Joint Planning Commission on behalf of Winnebago County, Boone County and the City of Rockford; applied for a grant to develop a transportation safety plan for the area. A local match will still be required by the agencies listed. Winnebago County’s share is \$15,500. SECONDED BY MR. GUEVARA. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT

Total Cost: \$400,492

County Cost: \$15,500

C.B. District: County Wide

(23-028) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of a Change in Plans for the Spring Creek Road Resurfacing Project. Mr. Molina informed the PWC that at the May 16, 2023 an award of bid was approved by Resolution #23-022 for the Rockford Township resurfacing of Spring Creek Road. This Resolution is for approximately 1,000 feet of resurfacing of Olde Creek Road, west of Bell School Road, which is under the County’s jurisdiction. It would be a good time to make the addition to the Township resurfacing project of Spring Creek Road, east of Bell School Road. The contractor is willing to postpone the work to wait for the PWC and County Board’s approval. SECONDED BY MR. GUEVARA. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT

Cost: \$34,549

C.B. District: 8

Other Matters –
Budget Amendment-
Change Order(s) for Information Only –

F. Reports

a. PWC Chairman Tassoni –

b. County Engineer Molina –



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- i. Belvidere Road - Mr. Molina informed the PWC that Belvidere Road resurfacing will begin on Monday July 24, 2023. The work will consist of shoulder widening, paving, roadway resurfacing, street lights and new guardrail installations. The roadway will remain open but delays should be expected.
- ii. Operations Staff – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that he has been communicating with Administration about the possibility of adding a fourth mechanic to our staff in 2024. It is a union position and would help with maintenance of ageing equipment.
- iii. Bridge Enhancement – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that we have been offered the option to enhance the IDOT project bridge at Harrison Avenue and Bypass 20 by using decorative concrete walls. It would cost at the minimum \$100,000 and the cost may be shared with adjacent municipalities. With PWC consent, I can request IDOT move forward. Unanimous by all present.
- iv. William Charles Construction – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that Wm. Charles Construction contacted the Highway Department to see if they could use Beltline Road to move materials with large equipment. Wm. Charles would repair any road damage once the project is complete. Mr. Molina will request more information before making any decision.
- v. Highway Projects – Mr. Molina distributed a previous list of Highway Projects for the next five years and explained that this list helps us then we apply for grants and to create our CIP.

G. New Business –

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tracy Robinson, Administrative Assistant