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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD

Called by: Chairman Tassoni

DATE: Tuesday, May 13, 2025

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

Members:

Kevin McCarthy, Chris Scrol,
Ray Thompson and Jim Webster

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: Chairman Tassoni, Kevin McCarthy, Chris Scrol, Ray Thompson, Jim Webster

Also: Carlos Molina, County Engineer
Nathan Larson, R1 Planning Council
- C. Approval of Minutes – MR. SCROL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE the April 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes. SECONDED BY MR. THOMPSON. 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. Public Meeting & Presentation: Winnebago County Traffic Safety Action Plan
Link to view Action Plan:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1C2uJz9L3laV-kbi1EXdyvZMQcZTdJoqi/view>



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Mr. Molina introduced Nathan Larson from Region 1 Planning Council (R1PC). Mr. Larson then presented the Draft Action Plan to the PWC. Further discussion by the PWC.

F. Legislation

New Legislation –

(25-030) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AN Ordinance Establishing a Speed Zone on Latham Road (CH 17) from Rockton Avenue to IL Route 2. Mr. Molina informed the PWC that a speed study and an engineering study were conducted by the Highway Department. Following IDOT guidelines the findings warranted that the speed limit be posted at 50 mph. Discussion ensued with the group. **SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: n/a

C.B. District: 1, 5

(25-031) MR. SCROL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution to Reject Bid for Box Culvert Materials on Rockton Avenue at Gleasman Road (Section: 25-00737-00-BR). Mr. Molina informed the PWC that we received one bid for this project but it did not include the required addendum making the bid invalid. Our Staff recommends to reject this bid and will plan to re-bid later this year for construction in 2026.

SECONDED BY MR. MCCARTHY. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: n/a

C.B. District: 1

(25-032) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Bid for Moate Road Resurfacing (Section: 25-00000-03-GM). Mr. Molina informed the PWC this 2.8-mile section of Moat Road extends from IL Rt. 70 to IL Rt. 75. The shoulders were paved last year under a separate contract. The project includes resurfacing, paved shoulders, edge and centerline rumble strip and high visibility pavement striping. Once complete this road will no longer be included in the County Spring Road Postings. **SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$794,444.04

C.B. District: 1

(25-033) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Bid for Pecatonica Road Shoulder Paving. Mr. Molina informed the PWC that S. Pecatonica Road was rehabilitated in 1998. To continue with our long-range plan to increase safety and preserve our road infrastructure, this project will pave the existing gravel shoulders and the road will then be resurfaced in 2026. **SECONDED BY MR. SCROL. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT. (Section: 25-00000-05-GM)**

Cost: \$547,408.50

C.B. District: 1

(25-034) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Adopting the Winnebago County Traffic Safety Action Plan. Mr. Molina explained to the PWC that Region 1 Planning Council obtained a Safe Streets For All (SS4A) planning



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grant to prepare a Traffic Safety Action Plan for the region. The Highway Department in collaboration with R1 Staff has been working on the County's plan for the past year.

Having this plan adopted by the County is needed to apply for future implementation (engineering and construction) grants for safety related projects on County Highways and some other local roads. SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER AND MR. THOMPSON. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: n/a

C.B. District: County Wide

(25-035) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Adopting a Policy for Celebrate Life Memorials along the Perryville Path. Mr. Molina informed the PWC that the County receives inquiries occasionally about the placement of memorials along the Perryville Path. There are certain areas of the Path that could accommodate memorials if accepted by the County Board. This policy is to create guidelines of what can and what cannot be accepted in the Policy. The cost would be borne by the applicants. Discussion ensued among the Committee. SECONDED BY MR. SCROL. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: n/a

C.B. District: 7, 8, 20

Other Matters

Budget Amendment

Change Order(s) for Information Only –

G. Reports

a. County Engineer Molina –

- i. Highway Asset Record (HAR) – Mr. Molina distributed the most recent County Highway Asset Record (HAR) to the Committee. Mr. Molina explained to the PWC the ever-developing system and how the data is collected. Further discussion by the PWC.

Meridian Road Bridge Deck – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that today an additional hole was reported in the bridge deck. At present we have two existing steel plates and will be adding a third; if necessary, more patches. No Resolution is needed if the cost is under \$25,000 or if it is an emergency repair. We are applying for funding for this project at this time.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m., Mr. McCarthy excused himself from the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tracy Robinson, Administrative Assistant