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## MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD

**Called by:** Chairman Tassoni

**DATE:** Tuesday, June 17, 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
- C. Approval of Minutes – CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE the May 13, 2025 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. Public Meeting & Presentation:



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## F. Legislation

### New Legislation –

**(25-036)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Declaring Some Highway Department Equipment as Surplus and Authorizing Sale. Mr. Molina informed the PWC that the Highway Department does this once per year to dispose of surplus vehicles/equipment. Per County's purchasing ordinance, the County Board has to authorize the disposal of said surplus equipment, which may be obsolete or no longer needed for public use. This list includes four older plow trucks. We will be getting four new trucks this year. We already have the chassis and will the bodies will be mounted this fall. The equipment is usually sold via auction and proceeds will be deposited into the County Highway fund (461). . SECONDED BY MR. SCROL. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

**Cost:** n/a

C.B. District: N/A

**(25-037)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing an Award of Bid for Perryville Road Drainage Improvements (Section 25-00738-00-DR). Mr. Molina stated that we have two locations along Perryville Road that have washouts that impact the Perryville path. Staff recommends installing curb and gutter to capture the water along with a culvert pipe underneath the path in both locations. SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

**Cost:** \$178,944.50

C.B. District: 7, 20

**(25-038)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing an Award of Bid for Bridge Deck Surface Coating at Various Locations (Section 25-00743-00-BR). Mr. Molina said that the Highway Department began this maintenance program a few years ago as part of preserving and extending the life of bridge structures. SECONDED BY MR. MCCARTHY. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

**Cost:** 56,909.80

C.B. District: 1,3,5,18 & 20

**(25-039)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing an Award of Bid for Pecatonica Road and Swanson Road Pipe Culvert Replacements (Section 25-00742-00-DR). Mr. Molina informed this project will replace a total of 12 pipe culvers, 9 culverts on Swanson Road and 3 culverts on N. Pecatonica Road. This is in anticipation of future resurfacing and enhancement projects. SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

**Cost:** 339,814

C.B. District: 1, 7

**(25-040)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing a Modification to the Phase II Engineering Agreement with Chastain & Associates, LLC, dated March 29, 2024, for Improvements on E. Riverside Boulevard (Section 21-00624-00-RS). Mr. Molina explained that the original agreement with the Chastain & Associates, LLC did not include a second set of bid documents, which was necessary due to the Covid relief funds (\$668,331) awarded for this project needed to be committed by September 30, 2024. In order to not lose these funds, the Highway



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Department requested the consultant to prepare a set of bid documents for materials only (traffic signal equipment, street lights, storm sewer and drainage items). The County Board awarded this materials contract in October of 2024. Currently, engineering plans are being finalized and we are in process of land acquisition. If all goes according to plan, construction bids for the Riverside Blvd project will be requested in the fall or early winter of 2025. SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$56,000

C.B. District: 17, 20

**(25-041)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing an Award of Bid for Mill Road Resurfacing. Mr. Molina indicated that this is a Rockford Township project. By State regulations, the County Board awards all bids for townships if Motor Fuel Tax funds are used. The Highway Department oversees Township MFT funds. SECONDED BY MR. SCROL. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$ 94,277.79 by Rockford Township (no cost to County)

C.B. District: 8

Other Matters

Budget Amendment

Change Order(s) for Information Only –

- 21-00702-00-DR – Winnebago Road (CH 16) Resurfacing  
Total Net Change: a deduction of \$25,188.43. Mr. Molina distributed handouts to the Committee and informed that members of our engineering staff measure and balance quantities at the completion of projects, then come to an agreement with the contractor. No action is needed, for information only.

## G. Reports

- a. Chairman Tassoni – Chairman Tassoni encouraged the PWC to drive the County Highways and see where the funds are being used.
- b. County Engineer Molina –
  - i. Grant Applications –
    1. HSIP State Grant Application - Mr. Molina informed the PWC that our Staff is currently working on 2 grant applications. One is a Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant for the intersection of Forest Hills Road and Pleasant Valley. We have been successful in the past when applying for HSIP grants. If we were to be awarded funding it would be 3 to 4 years until construction would begin and at this time construction cost estimates are approximately \$2.6 million dollars. In the interim and due to recent serious accidents, the Highway Department would like to make some modifications in this area by reducing lane widths from 12' to 11' and milling off the existing rumble strip median, then a temporary left turn lane can be installed.



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2. SS4A Federal Grant Application – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that Staff is also working on a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program. Mr. Molina mentioned that in May 2025 the Winnebago County Board passed Resolution 25-034 adopting the Winnebago County Traffic Safety Action Plan. Adopting the Action Plan is a prerequisite to apply for the SS4A Grant. We are looking at installing left turn lanes on Ralston Road from the Rock River east to IL 251, updating traffic signals, installing new street lights, constructing a sidewalk and shared use path. This is a very competitive grant, open nationally.
  - ii. Ironman 70.3 – Mr. Molina gave a reminder that the Ironman is on June 22, 2025 and gave a brief overview of the bike route.
  - iii. County Project Update:
    1. Telegraph Road – Currently our Staff is widening the road from IL-70 to the Village of Pecatonica by using the road widener.
    2. Hoisington Road – Our Staff completed widening the road with asphalt. Mr. Molina informed the PWC that next year we are planning on sealcoating Hoisington Road.
    3. Auburn Road – Was improved using the road widener and seal coat a couple of years ago. County Staff completed from the round-a-bout to Winnebago Road.
    4. Wheeler Road – same improvements as above
  - iv. Stop Signs – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that eventually a 4-way stop sign will be installed at the intersection of Telegraph Road and Winnebago Road. The Highway Department would also like to pave this intersection and install street lights and lighted stop signs and other signage. But this will be a year or two due to Federal funding. Mr. Molina gave a brief overview of the intersection of Love Road and McCurry Road. Staff continues to look at solutions to avoid accidents at this intersection.
- H. Adjourn/Recess – CHAIRMAN TASSONI MOVED TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER AND MR. THOMPSON. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tracy Robinson, Administrative Assistant