



# WINNEBAGO COUNTY

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

**Called by:** Chairman Tassoni

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 15, 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 – MR. WEBSTER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:03 P.M.
- B. Rollcall –  
Present: Jim Webster, Chris Scrol, Ray Thompson
- Also: Carlos Molina, County Engineer  
Tom Walsh, Guest
- C. Approval of Minutes – MR. SCROL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE the March 18, 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. Legislation  
New Legislation –  
(25-023) MR. THOMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE Award of Bid for the 2025 County General Letting. Mr. Molina informed the PWC that this annual Bid follows IDOT MFT guidelines. The maintenance year goes from April 1 to March 31 each year. The General Letting is how we purchase most of our materials to maintain the County highways, and includes items such as asphalt, aggregate, signs, pipe culverts etc. This dollar amount does not reflect salt or paint for striping roads, which are bid separately, however those dollar amounts are included in the appropriation in the next resolution. SECONDED BY MR. SCROL. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.



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Cost: \$ 1,265,924.1 County  
\$ 582,203.54 Townships

C.B. District: County Wide

**(25-024)** MR. SCROL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funds for the Maintenance of County Highways.

Mr. Molina explained that this yearly Appropriation accompanies the previous Resolution for materials and it also includes labor, equipment, general maintenance projects and some other services. This Resolution is required by the State so we can charge to Motor Fuel Tax (MFT). SECONDED BY MR. THOMPSON. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$7,171,000

C.B. District: County Wide

**(25-025)** MR. THOMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Bid for the 2025 Township Sealcoat Program. (Section 25-XX000-01-GM) Mr. Molina informed the Committee that it is a State requirement that the County Board award bids for Township projects that utilize Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds. This is an annual Township Seal Coat Program (13 of the 14 townships are participating this year). There is no cost to the County.

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

Cost: \$ 763,179.66 Townships (no cost to County)

C.B. District: County Wide

**(25-026)** MR. THOMPSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Bid for Concrete Pavement Joint Sealing and Repair (Section 25-00000-01-GM.) Mr. Molina stated that this is a maintenance project to seal wide seams along longitudinal joints on Riverside Blvd. and Perryville Road. We used this material last year on a portion of Perryville Road for first time. This process is to prevent further deterioration of concrete pavements. We are anticipating positive results from this budgeted project and received competitive prices. SECONDED BY MR. SCROL. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$ 169,937.59

C.B. District: 8, 20

**(25-027)** MR. SCROL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Proclaiming the 500 Block of East South Street in the Village of Durand, Illinois (CH 62) as the Charles H. Long Gold Star Memorial Block. Mr. Molina shared with the PWC that at the request of the Durand American Legion Gold Star Post 676 and relatives, this is to honor servicemen or women who were residents of the Village of Durand and gave their lives in defense of our country. Two signs will be installed in the 500 block of East South Street, aka Fritz Road, a County Highway. The signs will be provided by the American Legion Gold Star and the posts and anchors will be provided by the Highway Department. SECONDED BY MR. THOMPSON. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: N/A

C.B. District: 2

**(25-028)** MR. SCROL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Proclaiming the 200 Block of East South Street in the Village of Durand, Illinois (CH 62) as the Robert S. McMahon Gold Star Memorial Block. Mr. Molina informed the PWC, at the request of the Durand American Legion Gold Star Post 676 and relatives, this is to honor servicemen or women who were residents of the Village of Durand and gave their lives in defense of our country. Two signs will be installed in the 200 block of East South Street, aka Fritz Road, a County Highway. The signs will be provided by the American Legion Gold Star and the posts and anchors will be provided by the Highway Department.



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Cost: N/A

C.B. District: 2

**(25-029)** MR. SCROL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to Provide Financial Assistance Through Section 319 of the Federal Clean Water Act for Streambank Stabilization of Madigan Creek from Waterford Drive to Newburg Road (Section 25-00736-00-DR). Mr. Molina informed the PWC that the Madigan Creek banks and stream have seen continued erosion, destabilization and flooding for many years. This creek runs along a drainage easement in the backyard of many residences in unincorporated Winnebago County (Rockford Township). The Highway Department submitted an application to the IEPA for a 319 grant in 2023, for the Madigan Creek segment between Waterford Drive and Newburg Road. The grant was awarded at a 60/40 (EPA/Local) funding level. Some of the local funds can be “in-kind” services. The proposed work will stabilize the streambanks, reduce existing flood damage, reduce future floods, enhance groundwater quality and restore some of the lost open space on the affected properties. SECONDED BY MR. THOMPSON. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$ 786,000 County  
\$1,179,000 EPA

C.B. District: 8, 11

Other Matters

Budget Amendment

Change Order(s) for Information Only –

## F. Reports

- a. Mr. Webster introduced Mr. Tom Walsh. Mr. Walsh explained that the memorial signs, resolutions 25-027 and 028, honoring veterans that lost their life for our Country is a small token of appreciation and display of indebtedness for their sacrifice to our County. Mr. Walsh communicated the stories of each of the service men and showed the sample signs Gold Star Memorial Block. Mr. Walsh is requesting a Proclamation from the Winnebago County Board and dedicatory Gold Star Memorial Block signs be erected in their honor. Mr. Webster recommended Mr. Walsh speak at the next County Board meeting and to invite the honorees families.
- b. County Engineer Molina – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that we are working on a Traffic Safety Action Plan with Region 1 Planning Council (R1PC). We looked at different areas with concerns for traffic safety in the County. The City of Rockford is also working on their own plan. When completed, the plan will encompass the entire County of Winnebago. There is a link on the County’s and Regions 1’s websites beginning today and open for one month for public comments. Mr. Molina encouraged the Committee to submit comments so they can be addressed and included in the Plan. There will also be a public meeting at the May PWC meeting; with a resolution to follow for adoption of this plan.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tracy Robinson, Administrative Assistant