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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD

Called by: Chairman Tassoni

DATE: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

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, Chris Scrol, Jim Webster, John Guevara and Kevin McCarthy

Also: Carlos Molina, County Engineer
Sean Von Bergen, Assistant County Engineer

C. Approval of Minutes –CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE the February 13, 2024 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.



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E. Legislation

New Legislation –

(24-006) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AN Award of Bid for Mowing and Vegetation Control. Mr. Molina informed the PWC that this Resolution is for mowing grass in medians. Weed control application is done in areas such as behind guardrail and on concrete medians. This Agreement is completed every two years with the option of extending a third year if the County and the Contractor agree. This is a local service provider. SECONDED BY MR. MCCARTHY AND MR. SCROL. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$ 15,200 (2024), \$15,656 (2025)

C.B. District: County Wide

(24-007) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Declaring as Surplus Highway Department 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. SCROL. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$ n/a

C.B. District: N/A

(24-008) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AN Award of Bid for the 2024 County General Letting. Mr. Molina informed the PWC that the Award of Bid follows IDOT 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, stone, signs, pipe culverts etc. This dollar amount does not reflect salt or paint for striping roads, those items are bid separately, however those dollar amounts are included in the appropriation. SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: up to \$1,450,000

C.B. District: County Wide

(24-009) CHAIRMAN TASSONI 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. SCROL. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$ 5,894,000

C.B. District: County Wide

(24-010) A CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AN Award of Bid for the 2024 Township Seal Coat Program (Section 24-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 (12 of the 14 townships are participating this year). There



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is no cost to the County. SECONDED BY MR. MCCARTHY. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$915,113.39 (Misc. Townships' cost)

C.B. District: County Wide

(24-011) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AN Award of Bid for Cherry Valley Township and Village of Cherry Valley for the S Mulford Rd Resurfacing Project (Section 24-02000-01-GM & 24-00000-00-GM respectively). Mr. Molina informed the Committee that it is a State requirement that the County Board award bids for Township projects using MFT funds. This is for a resurfacing project on a road that changes jurisdiction between the Township and the Village of Cherry Valley. SECONDED BY MR. MCCARTHY. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$ 319,434.30 (Township & Village Cost)

C.B. District: 11, 12

(24-012) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing a Phase I Engineering Services Agreement with Fehr Graham for Owen Center Road from Riverside Boulevard to Latham Road (Section 22-00712-00-SP). Mr. Molina informed the PWC that the County was allocated \$2,657,433 of "safety" (HSIP) Federal grant funds and an additional \$330,000 of State (TARP) funds for the Owen Center Road project. This professional services agreement is to assist the Highway Department with Phase I engineering. Further discussion followed by PWC.

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

Cost: \$378,310

C.B. District: 1, 5

(24-013) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing a Phase II Engineering Services Agreement with Chastain & Associates, LLC for the Improvement of East Riverside Boulevard from Material Avenue to Sage Drive (Section 21-00624-00-RS). Mr. Molina informed the PWC that the County was allocated approximately 9.5 million dollars under the federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and an additional \$668,301 under Coronavirus Relief Funds for this project. This agreement is for Phase II engineering, final bid plans, documents and right-of-way negotiations. Further discussion followed by PWC.

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

Cost: \$ 747,113.80

C.B. District: 17, 20

(24-014) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Supporting Application to Rehabilitate the Meridian Road Bridge Over the Pecatonica River. Mr. Molina explained to the PWC that Resolution 24-014, 24-015 and 24-016 are all recommended by our County lobbyist to be sent to Illinois congress to seek support for Winnebago County projects. Showing County Board approval and unification.

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

Cost: \$00.00

C.B. District: 2

(24-015) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Supporting Application for the Extension of the Baxter Road Water Main on the West



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Side of I-39. See Resolution 24-014. Further discussion followed by PWC. SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$00.00

C.B. District: 11

(24-016) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Supporting an Application to Address Per-And-Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Through Connection to Municipal Water Source. See Resolution 24-014. Further discussion followed by PWC. SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$00.00

C.B. District: 9, 12, 18

Old Legislation -

Other Matters -

Budget Amendment-

Change Order(s) for Information Only -

F. Reports

a. PWC Chairman Tassoni -

b. County Engineer Molina -

- i. Rockton/IL-2 Bridge Project - Mr. Molina informed the PWC that the State began work on the two bridges on IL-Rt. 2 over the Rock River in the Village of Rockton. The road will remain open during construction as the project is being done in stages. Further discussion followed by PWC.
- ii. Storm Water Ordinance - Mr. Molina informed the PWC that he will attend the annual business meeting by the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau tomorrow evening, to talk about County projects, current and future and answer any questions they may have. Mr. Von Bergen will be presenting the Storm Water Ordinance information to the Winnebago-Boone Farm Bureau on April 10th to address any questions or concerns the farm community may have. Further discussion followed by PWC.

c. Assistant County Von Bergen -

G. New Business -

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tracy Robinson, Administrative Assistant