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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD

Called by: Chairman Tassoni

DATE: Tuesday, February 15, 2022

Members: Angela Fellars,
Burt Gerl, David Kelley (Vice-
Chairman), Jim Webster and
Kevin McCarthy

TIME: 5:00 p.m.

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, Angela Fellars, Burt Gerl, Dave Kelley, and Jim Webster

Also: Carlos Molina, County Engineer
John Giliberti, State Attorney's Office
Patrick Thompson, County Administrator

C. Approval of Minutes – MR. GERL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE
December 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes. SECONDED BY MS FELLARS. 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
Old Legislation –



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New Legislation –

(22-001) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Declaring as Surplus Highway Department Vehicles and Equipment and Authorizing Sale. Mr. Molina indicated that the purpose of this Resolution, per the County’s Purchasing Ordinance, is to authorize the sale or disposal of equipment and vehicles that are no longer needed for public use by the Highway Department. We do this once or twice per year to dispose or sell obsolete equipment that is not practical or financially feasible to maintain. Mr. Molina mentioned that a “plotter” or large printer used by the Engineering Staff is also included. **SECONDED BY MR. GERL AND MR. KELLEY. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$ N/A

C.B. District: County Wide

(22-002) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AN Award of Bid for the 2022 County General Letting. Mr. Molina informed the PWC that this Award of Bid follows IDOT guidelines and is how we purchase most of our materials to maintain the County highways such as asphalt, stone, signs, pipe culvert etc. This dollar amount does not reflect salt or paint for striping roads, those items are bid separately. Mr. Molina informed the Committee that Group AAA-Polyethylene Culvert were rejected due to an error in the Unit listing. Highway Staff is planning to rebid this product later this year. All prices on the General Letting were within reason. **SECONDED BY MR. KELLEY AND MR. GERL. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$1,457,885

C.B. District: County Wide

(22-003) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Appropriation of MFT Funds for the Maintenance of County Highways. Mr. Molina explained that this yearly Appropriation accompanies the previous Resolution for material and it includes labor, equipment and some other services. This is required by the State so we can charge to Motor Fuel Tax (MFT). **SECONDED BY MS. FELLARS AND MR. KELLEY. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$ 5,754,000

C.B. District: County Wide

(22-004) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Local Public Agency Engineering Services Agreement with Chastain & Associates, LLC for Riverside Boulevard (CH 55) between Material Avenue and Sage Drive and For Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds. (Section 21-00624-00-RS) Mr. Molina informed the PWC that this Resolution is for the Phase I Engineering Design and the Appropriation of the Motor Fuel Funds (MFT). It is important to begin the preliminary design work early; it could possibly take up to 3 years to start construction. Mr. Molina summarized the project briefly to the Committee reminding that previously the County was awarded \$5.6 million in federal funds via Region 1 Planning Council (R1PC) to go towards the project. That award is not enough for the complete reconstruction of this corridor, so the Highway Department will reduce the scope of work to lessen the cost. We will continue to apply for additional funds. **SECONDED BY MR. GERL AND MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$520,000

C.B. District: 17 & 20



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(22-005) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing a Master Service Agreement with Frost Control Systems, Inc. for Four Pavement Temperature Sensors and Cameras. Mr. Molina informed the PWC that the (4) budgeted cameras/temperature sensors are already in use located throughout the County, and we are getting great results. The City of Rockford has been using (4) similar set-ups at different locations and we mutually share access. This equipment has been very beneficial, Foremen can see intersections and bridge decks in “real time” in ice and snow covered road conditions and has improved calling in our Operations Staff at critical times. The cameras are capable of measuring pavement temperatures, taking still photos, which refresh automatically every 20 minutes, and can be accessed on a computer or smartphone. Frost Control Systems, Inc. wanted us to try the cameras and sensors; we are opting for a (2) year agreement. **SECONDED BY MR. GERL. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$9,900/yr. for 2 Years

C.B. District: County Wide

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

F. Reports

- a. PWC Chairman Tassoni –
 - i. Chairman Tassoni request that Mr. Molina provide a presentation for the County Board regarding County Highway Projects and Funding.
- b. County Engineer Molina –
 - i. Salt Update – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that we have used approximately half of our rock salt for the year.
 - ii. US20 & Weldon Road Street Lights – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that Winnebago County Board member Aaron Booker contacted him for assistance attaining street lights at the intersection of IL-Rt. 20 (W. State Street) and Weldon Road under the jurisdiction of Winnebago Township but within Winnebago County. Highway Staff have been working in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd) and a private contractor for installation details. IDOT has agreed to reimburse the County for the installation of (2) two streetlights at the cost of approximately \$12,000 and would like the County to take the lead for installation, maintenance and energy costs. Mr. Molina explained that he is working with Mr. Thompson to assure the fee is not to be paid from out of County Highway Funds since none of these roads are County highways.



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- iii. No Jake Brake Signs – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that we have had an upswing in phone calls requesting signage for No Jake Brake in the last few months. At this time, we only have one sign location near the quarry on Charles Street regarding Jake Braking usage. If we allow additional signs, we will have to do it for everyone. The PWC agreed unanimously that at this time they should not be allowed unless necessary after a comprehensive study.
- iv. Municipality Bridge Inspections – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that at a future meeting we would have an Agreement with the Village of Cherry Valley to conduct bridge inspections for them. The Highway Department often helps smaller agencies.
- v. Charles Street Bid Update – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that at Spring PWC meeting we would have a bid for Charles Street resurfacing.

G. New Business –

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tracy Robinson, Administrative Assistant