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

**Called by:** Chairman Tassoni

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 19, 2022

**TIME:** 5:00 p.m.

**Members:** Angela Fellars,  
Burt Gerl, David Kelley (Vice-  
Chairman), Jim Webster 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, Burt Gerl, Dave Kelley, Jim Webster and Kevin McCarthy  
  
Also: Carlos Molina, County Engineer  
John Giliberti, State Attorney’s Office  
Chris Green, Rockford Register Star
- C. Approval of Minutes – MR. TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE March 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes. SECONDED BY MR. GERL AND 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. Legislation  
Old Legislation –  
New Legislation –



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**(22-010)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with the State of Illinois to Install Street Lights at Weldon Road and US Business 20 (Section 22-00704-00-TL). Mr. Molina informed the PWC with the assistance of Chairman Chiarelli and County Board members Aaron Booker and Jim Webster; the State agreed to pay for the installation of two LED streetlights. The County will pay for future maintenance and energy costs. Mr. Webster recognized and expressed his appreciation for the cooperation between the County and the State to improve safety at this intersection for Winnebago County. **SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER AND MR. GERL. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$12,000 (to be reimbursed by the State)

C.B. District: 1

**(22-011)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Bid for the 2022 Pavement Patching Program (Section 22-00000-01-GM). Mr. Molina informed the PWC that most of this maintenance work is to take place on E. Riverside Blvd. east of Mulford Road up to the Tollway and on Bell School Road by Colosseum Drive. The City of Rockford is responsible for the concrete patching around some manholes on Bell School Road and will reimburse the County. **SECONDED BY MR. GERL. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$205,428

C.B. District: 7, 8, 11 & 20

(\$16,870 to be reimbursed by the City of Rockford)

**(22-012)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Bid for Latham Road Resurfacing from Meridian Road to Owen Center Road and Appropriating Rebuild Illinois Funds (Section 21-00700-00-RS). Mr. Molina informed the PWC that this is the last phase of this project. Once the widening and resurfacing project is completed, Latham Road will have a 4-foot paved shoulder with rumble strips. Highway Staff recommends the approval of this bid. **SECONDED BY MR. GERL. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$1,061,151.55

C.B. District: 1 & 5

**(22-013)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Bid for Latham Road & Bell School Road Pipe Culvert Replacements (Section 22-00705-00-DR). Mr. Molina informed the PWC that the low responsible bidder out of four bids is DPI Construction Inc. out of Pecatonica, Illinois. Because of the higher traffic volumes on Latham Road and Owen Center Road, we are using a contractor to complete the work as quickly as possible. **SECONDED BY MR. GERL AND MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$188,626.54

C.B. District: 1, 5, 8 & 11

**(22-014)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing a Local Public Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for Two Box Culvert Replacements on Gleasman Road and for Appropriating the Local Share of Funds (Section 17-00654-00-BR). Mr. Molina informed the PWC that this agreement is needed to utilize the Federal Funds for replacement of the two structures. The State is opening bids at the end of the month. The project is scheduled for later this year and



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expected to take four to five months until completion. SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

County Cost: \$336,000

C.B. District: 1 & 3

Federal Cost: \$742,000

**(22-015)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing an Engineering Services Agreement with Willett Hofmann & Associates, Inc. to Provide Construction Engineering Services for the Replacement of Two Box Culverts on Gleasman Road (Section 17-00654-00-BR). Mr. Molina informed the PWC that Willett Hofmann will assist the Highway Department staff with construction inspection, testing and structural engineering services. SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$148,495

C.B. District: 1 & 3

**(22-016)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement between the County of Winnebago and the City of Rockford for Pavement Repairs on Bell School Road (Section 22-00000-01-GM). SECONDED BY MR. MCCARTHY, MR GERL AND MR. KELLEY. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$16,870 (To be reimbursed by the CoR)

C.B. District: 11

**(22-017)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement between the County of Winnebago and the Village of Pecatonica for Improvements to Pecatonica Road and the Jurisdictional Transfer of a Section of Pecatonica Road (CH-18). Mr. Molina updated the PWC that the Village of Pecatonica has annexed land just south of the Pecatonica High School for commercial development. The Village has agreed to take jurisdiction immediately of approximately a half mile of Pecatonica Road and future sections of Pecatonica Road. In turn, the County will construct a left turn lane into the new annexed land. This agreement sets the parameters for future jurisdictional transfers. SECONDED BY MR. GERL. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$00.00 (N/A At this time)

C.B. District: 1

Other Matters –

Budget Amendment-

Change Order(s) for Information Only –

## F. Reports

a. PWC Chairman Tassoni –

b. County Engineer Molina –

- i. White Swan Subdivision – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that he spoke to the White Swan Subdivision Neighborhood Group on April 11 and shared that the Highway Department does more than just plow snow and fill potholes. Mr. Molina explained that our Staff does engineering, construction engineering, bridge inspections, seal coating, pipe culvert



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replacement, assists Townships and smaller agencies etc. Mr. Molina enjoys educating the public about what we do at the Highway Department and extended an offer to speak to other groups if the PWC desired.

- ii. Shirland Community Event – The town of Shirland, Illinois would like to close a section of Shirland Road in town (East of Boswell Rd) at the end of June this year to bring back a community event. It would be a one-day closure. Winnebago County has a small portion of Shirland Road, and would be okay with the closing of the roadway; the rest of Boswell is under Shirland Township’s jurisdiction.
- iii. Weldon Road Property Vacation – Winnebago Township would like to vacate a portion of Weldon Road south of Montague Road that has not serviced anything in years. The Township Commissioner is following the State Statute steps for vacation and has the authority to make the final decision. There is an approximate 3/8 mile length of asphalt that after discussion, the Highway Department is going to use as a training opportunity for our new operators.
- iv. Salt Contract – Mr. Molina gave a brief summation to the PWC of our options for purchasing salt this year. The current salt contract is with Morton Salt and the contract does allow for an extension if we agree on price or the Highway Department can rebid. With inflation, salt prices are expected to increase. The Highway Department has budgeted 1.3 million dollars for salt; with fully stocked sheds we are expecting to purchase less salt due to a mild 2021-2022 winter.
- v. County Board Presentation - Mr. Molina reminded the PWC that he would be making a presentation on behalf of the Highway Department at the County Board meeting on April 28, 2022. Mr. Molina informed the group he would be presenting the Highway needs, assessments, budget, revenue, projects, match funding we will need to complete future projects. Further discussion followed by PWC.
- vi. Feasibility Study Draft – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that we received a draft of the facilities feasibility study from the consultant.

G. New Business –

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tracy Robinson, Administrative Assistant