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

**Called by:** Chairman Tassoni

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023

**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
- C. Approval of Minutes – MR. TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE January 17, 2023 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

Old Legislation –

New Legislation –

**(23-003)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of a Change in Plans to Reconcile Bid Quantities with As-Built Quantities for Prairie Hill Road Resurfacing from IL Rte. 2 to IL Rte. 251 (Section 21-00701-00-RS). Mr. Molina informed that this change order is for a deduction after the final quantities have been measured and compared to the contract quantities. **SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$(117,896.82) deduction

C.B. District: 2 & 4

**(23-004)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of a Change in Plans to Reconcile Bid Quantities with As-Built Quantities for Mulford Road Resurfacing from Harrison Avenue to Sandy Hollow Road (Section 22-00708-00-RS). Mr. Molina informed that this change order is for a deduction after the final quantities have been measured and compared to the contract quantities. **SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$(104,295.83) deduction

C.B. District: 11 & 15

**(23-005)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County and the Village of Cherry Valley for Bridge Inspections (Section 22-00706-00-BI). Mr. Molina informed the PWC that the State requires a Bridge Inspection “Program Manager” to facilitate the inspection documents. We have four certified bridge inspectors at the Highway Department. The Department helps the townships and small communities, and we are reimbursed for our time, equipment and material. There is no cost to the County. **SECONDED BY MR. MCCARTHY. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$00.00 (no cost to County)

C.B. District: 8 & 11

**(23-006)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AN Award of Bid for the 2023 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 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, however those dollar amounts are included in the appropriation (see resolution 23-007). In comparison from 2022 most items increased in price specifically emulsion oil and asphalt. **SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$1,798,450.71

C.B. District: County Wide



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**(23-007)** 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 material 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. GUEVARA AND MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$6,249,000

C.B. District: County Wide

**(23-008)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of an Agreement with Fehr Graham & Associates for Professional Services. Mr. Molina informed the PWC that this Resolution is for professional land surveying service for the Owen Center Road Project from West Riverside Blvd. to Latham Road. The Highway Department will do the design in-house. This project will include widening, resurfacing, paved shoulders, centerline and edge rumble strips and turn lanes. We received approximately \$2.6 million Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Federal-aid Grant. The purpose is to reduce traffic fatalities, serious injuries and traffic accidents in general on all public roadways. The Department received an additional \$450,000 in Truck Access Route Program (TARP) Funds. The purpose of TARP is to help local governments upgrade roads to accommodate 80,000-pound trucks. The condition of this funding is to post the road as a “truck route”. In the future, we are also planning to improve Latham Road from Owen Center to IL Route 2. Both Owen Center and Latham Road have seen a substantial truck traffic increase.

**SECONDED BY MR. GUEVARA. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$45,000

C.B. District: 5

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

## F. Reports

a. PWC Chairman Tassoni

b. County Engineer Molina

Gleasant Road Culvert Replacement– Mr. Molina informed the PWC that starting today the culvert replacement work will begin on Gleasant Road west of IL Route 2. The road will be closed for approximately 2 ½ months, weather permitting. We are required to follow Federal project guidelines.

Perryville Road Bridge / IDOT Project- Mr. Molina informed the PWC that the State issued a press release yesterday announcing the start of the Perryville Road Bridge over Interstate 39 and U.S. 20/51 project. The road will be closed until completion. The work will begin on March 20. This is part of a multi million/multiyear State project to improve I-39 and U.S. 20 in the Cherry Valley



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area. There will be a marked detour. The project is expected to be completed by December 1, 2023. Perryville Road is under County jurisdiction. The County maintains the top two inches of the bridge deck and the State is responsible for the bridge structure.

Assistant County Engineer- Mr. Molina updated the PWC that former Assistant County Engineer, Frank Hodina retired in February. Mr. Hodina will be working on a part-time basis beginning in May of this year at a maximum of 600 hours per year. We have three internal applicants to interview in the next week and will make a decision by the April PWC meeting.

Highway Equipment- Mr. Molina informed the PWC that we have met with several trucking companies to begin the process to purchase trucks for the Department's fleet. In 2018, the price of a standard dump/plow truck was \$200,000. The price of the same truck is now around \$300,000. The new standard lead-time is 2-3 years and the companies cannot guarantee the price. This year we have \$400,000 in the budget for plow trucks. I would like to continue to budget for trucks when money is available. We plan to use Sourcewell as an option for bids which meets the County's Purchasing Ordinance

Meridian Road Bridge- Mr. Molina updated the PWC regarding the poor condition of the deck on the Meridian Road Bridge. We have a second hole in the bridge deck. You may recall in June of 2021, we installed a steel plate for a temporary solution that is holding up well at this time. We are planning to install another steel plate. There are approximately 1,800 vehicles per day using this bridge. We will continue to apply for federal funding for this bridge.

G. New Business –

H. Adjourn/Recess – MR. WEBSTER MOVED TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY MR. GUEVARA. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tracy Robinson, Administrative Assistant