



# WINNEBAGO COUNTY

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

**Called by:** Chairman Tassoni

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 18, 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 5:04 P.M.
- B. Rollcall –  
Present: Dave Tassoni, Chris Scrol, Jim Webster and Kevin McCarthy  
  
Also: Carlos Molina, County Engineer  
Sean Von Bergen, Assistant County Engineer
- C. Approval of Minutes – MR. TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE March 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes. SECONDED BY MR. MCCARTHY. 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 –

**(23-009)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing a Joint Funding Agreement with the State of Illinois for the Belvidere Road Safety Project and for Appropriating Local Funds. (Section: 21-00689-00-SP) Mr. Molina informed the PWC that this joint agreement with the State would allow us to use federal funds from IDOT'S Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) grant. It also appropriates the County's local match funds. **SECONDED BY MR. SCROL. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Total Cost: \$2,318,625.16  
County: \$925,000

C.B. District: 3, 7

**(23-010)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing a Joint Funding Agreement with the State of Illinois for the Perryville Path Extension and for Appropriating Local Funds. (Section: 21-00633-01-BT) Mr. Molina informed the PWC that this funding agreement allows us to use Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grant that were allocated to this project. It also appropriates the County's local match funds. This portion of the path would be constructed from Anjali Way to Willow Brook Lane. **SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Total Cost: \$820,600  
County: \$160,000

C.B. District: 6, 7,

**(23-011)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Axim Geospatial, LLC for Professional Services (Section 22-00707-00-ES). Mr. Molina informed the PWC that a \$668,900 Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) grant was issued to the County Highway Department for data collection and public asset management. In January of 2023, an Agreement with the State was approved by the County Board. The cost is fully reimbursable by the grant with no cost to the County. **SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$434,254.24 (100% reimbursable by SPR Grant)  
County: \$00.00

C.B. District: County Wide

**(23-012)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Awarding Bid for Vegetation Control. Mr. Molina informed the PWC that this Resolution is for spraying vegetation and weeds on medians, islands and adjacent to guard rails in 2023 and 2024 at a cost of \$18,760 per year. **SECONDED BY MR. SCROL. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$18,760 (2023 season)  
\$18,760 (2024 season)

C.B. District: County Wide



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**(23-013)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Bid for the Perryville Road and Blackhawk Road Resurfacing Project in Cherry Valley Township. (Section: 23-02000-02-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. There is no cost to the County. **SECONDED BY MR. MCCARTHY. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$315,901.66 (Cherry Valley Township)

C.B. District: 9, 11

**(23-014)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Bid for the Latham Road Shoulder Paving Project (Section: 23-00000-03-GM). This project will include widening, resurfacing, paved shoulders; centerline and edge rumble strips and turn lanes. Mr. Molina informed the PWC that this is part of a multiphase plan to improve Latham Road from Owen Center Road to IL Route 2 and designate it as a Class II truck route. This bid is for widening and paving the shoulders. Pipe culverts were replaced in 2022 and the resurfacing will be scheduled in 2024. **SECONDED BY MR. SCROL. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$318,539.79

C.B. District: 1, 5

**(23-015)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Bid for the 2023 Township Seal Coat Program. (Section: 23-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. MCCARTHY. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$999,465.04 (Various Townships)

C.B. District: County Wide

**(23-016)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Bid for the Guilford Road Box Culvert Rehabilitation in Rockford Township. (Section: 21-09119-00-BR). Mr. Molina distributed the bid tabs and informed the PWC that it is a State requirement that the County Board award bids for Township projects using Township Bridge Funds. The State Township Bridge Program will pay for 80% of the cost and the remaining 20% will be paid by Rockford Township local funds. The section of Guilford Road between Alpine Road and Mulford Road west of Roxbury Road will be closed during construction. **SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$TBD (Rockford Township)

C.B. District: 16

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

F. Reports



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- a. PWC Chairman Tassoni
  
- b. County Engineer Molina  
Meridian Road Bridge – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that, as previously informed to the PWC, the Meridian Road Bridge is in need of repair by installing steel plates due to a full depth deck pothole. The County has purchased the steel plan and N-trak will install it. Engine Brake Signs- Mr. Molina informed the PWC that we have received some phone calls requesting signs for “No Excessive Engine Noise”. The County currently has a policy but it is limited to an area of 25 homes or more.

Salt- Mr. Molina updated the Committee on the extension of an agreement with Morton salt from \$81.00/ton to \$86.00/ton for this next winter.

G. New Business –

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tracy Robinson, Administrative Assistant