



# WINNEBAGO COUNTY

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

**Called by:** Chairman Tassoni

**DATE:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024

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

**Members:** Angela Fellars,  
Chris Scrol, Jim Webster,  
John Penney, John Guevara  
and Kevin McCarthy

**LOCATION:** Room 509  
County Administration Building  
404 Elm Street  
Rockford, IL 61101

### MINUTES:

- A. Call to Order – MR. W CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:00 P.M.
- B. Rollcall –  
Present: Dave Tassoni, Chris Scrol, Jim Webster, and Kevin McCarthy  
  
Also: Carlos Molina, County Engineer
- C. Approval of Minutes – CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE the June 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes. SECONDED BY MR. SCROL 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.



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## E. Legislation

New Legislation –

**(24-024)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution Authorizing an Engineering Services Agreement with Willett Hofmann & Associates, Inc. to Provide Structural Engineering Services for the Meridian Road Bridge Over the Pecatonica River and for Appropriation of Motor Fuel Tax Funds (Section 16-00626-00-BR) Mr. Molina informed the PWC that the Meridian Road bridge over the Pecatonica River is in need of rehabilitation or replacement. At the minimum, the superstructure and deck need to be replaced. Two steel plates have been placed in the last three years due to full depth pot holes and some of the steel beams show section loss. This agreement will provide Phase I and Phase II structural engineering services. SECONDED BY MR. MCCARTHY. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$270,430

C.B. District: 2

**(24-025)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution Authorizing the Obligation Retirement of Bond Payments from MFT Funds (Section 14-00563-00-GB). Mr. Molina informed the PWC this an annual resolution required by IDOT to be able to use Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) funds to pay for the bond that was used to pay for a portion of the Baxter Road and Best Road projects. MFT and FA Match (Federal) pay for 50% each, of the annual cost. SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$199,750

C.B. District: N/A

**(24-026)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution Authorizing a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Willett Hofmann & Associates to Provide Plans and Specifications for the Elevated Water Storage Tank Improvements at the Winnebago County Water District (Section 24-00730-00-MS). The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requires that water storage tanks be inspected every five years. It has also been identified that some repairs and improvements are needed at the Baxter Road elevated water storage tank. SECONDED BY MR. SCROL AND MR. MCCARTHY. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$15,500

C.B. District: 11

**(24-027)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Railway-Highway Grade Crossing Improvements on Roscoe Road. Mr. Molina informed the PWC as it is customary, the State approached the County Highway Department to participate in this agreement because Roscoe Road is a County highway. There is no cost to the County. The State and the railroad plan to improve and upgrade the warning crossing signal devices and install new gate arms. SECONDED BY MR. SCROL AND MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: No cost to the County

C.B. District: 3

**(24-028)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution for Award of Bid of the Second 2024 County General Letting. Mr. Molina informed the



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PWC that this second award of bid includes certain items for which bids were not received in the first general letting back in March of this year. SECONDED BY MR. MCCARTHY. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$tbd

C.B. District: County Wide

**(24-029)** CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution Authorizing the Award of Bid for Perryville Path Resurfacing from Harlem Road to Hart Road. Mr. Molina informed the PWC this one-mile section of the Perryville Path is approximately twenty-two years old and it is in need of maintenance. As part of this project, we are also doing a small section of the path from IL 173 to Anjali Way. This project will provide an asphalt overlay. SECONDED BY MR. SCROL. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$92,346.60

C.B. District: 7

Old Legislation -

Other Matters –

Budget Amendment-

Change Order(s) for Information Only –

## F. Reports

a. PWC Chairman Tassoni –

b. County Engineer Molina –

i. 319 Grant – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that the application for a 319 Grant for the clean-up of Madigan Creek looks promising. As development occurs, erosion, washouts and sometimes flooding can occur downstream. It is a major problem for unincorporated County residents and our County doesn't have allocated funds to help alleviate those problems. Grant dollars are a means to help pay for projects such as the clean up of Madigan Creek and other similar flooding projects. The grant does require a 40% local match.

ii. Highway yard– Mr. Molina updated the PWC on the search for alternatives to find a solution to the lack of “under roof” storage for equipment. Further discussion ensued.

## G. New Business –

H. Adjourn/Recess – CHAIRMAN TASSONI MOVED TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY MR. MCCARTHY AND MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tracy Robinson, Administrative Assistant