



WINNEBAGO COUNTY

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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD

Called by: Chairman Tassoni

DATE: Monday, July 22, 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. 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 – CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE the June 18, 2024 Meeting Minutes. SECONDED BY MR. SCROL. 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

New Legislation –

(24-025) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Obligation Retirement of Bond Payments from MFT Funds. Mr. Molina informed the PWC that this is an annual Resolution that is required by IDOT to use MFT funds to pay for a share of the bond used to fund a portion of the Baxter Road and Best Road Projects. MFT and FA Match pay for 50% each, of the annual cost. SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$200,500

C.B. District: N/A



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(24-028) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution for Award of Bid of the Second 2024 County General Letting. Mr. Molina stated that the County Board approved in March of this year an Award of Bid for the 2024 County General Letting. However, we did not receive bids for some of the required items. The Highway Department decided to request bids a second time for those items which are included in this Award of Bid. **SECONDED BY MR. MCCARTHY AND MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$50,005

C.B. District: County Wide

(24-030) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution for Award of Bid for Perryville Road Joints Sealing and Repair from Guilford Road to Riverside Boulevard. Mr. Molina stated that this is a maintenance project to seal wide seams along longitudinal joints on Perryville Road. This is the first time we will be using this process to prevent further deterioration of concrete pavements. We are anticipating positive results from this project. **SECONDED BY MR. MCCARTHY. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$264,790.98

C.B. District: 8, 20

(24-031) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution to Reject Bids for the Latham Road Box Culvert Replacement. Mr. Molina informed the PWC this Bid was to replace a box culvert on Latham Road just West of Owen Center Road. We received three bids on July 11, 2024. However, two of the bids did not meet the bid requirements, therefore they were not publicly read. The third bid was over 33% higher than the Engineering estimate. It is recommended this Award of Bid be rejected at this time. The Highway Department will make some modifications to the plans and re-bid the project later this coming winter. This culvert replacement can wait until next year.

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

Cost: No cost at this time if bids rejected

C.B. District: 1, 5

(\$450,314.47 if awarded)

(24-032) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Salt Brine Maker for Winter Operations. Mr. Molina informed the PWC that we use “brine” a mixture of salt and water used during snow and ice operations to pre-treat pavement and bridge deck surfaces. This equipment will replace a “homemade” outdated mixer that has been in use for more than 15 years. Currently our Operations Staff blends the brine manually. This process is time extensive and not accurate. The proposed new equipment is automated, digital, accurate, reliable, will be a lot more efficient and chemicals can be added to the mixture. This equipment was not included in the 2024 budget; however, Highway Staff recommends approval so it is available for the 2024-2025 winter season. The cost can be covered under “capital equipment” in the County Highway Budget.

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

Cost: \$ 29,094.00

C.B. District: N/A

(24-033) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Joint Funding Agreement for State Participation for Materials Letting and for Appropriation of MFT Funds for the E. Riverside Boulevard Project (Section 23-00624-02-TL) Mr. Molina informed the PWC that as part of funding for the Riverside Boulevard Project, through R1, the County also received \$668,301 in State COVID Funds, which need to be committed by



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September 30, 2024. Since the road project is not expected to go out for bids until sometime in 2025, Highway Staff recommends to proceed with this Agreement for a “materials only letting” to utilize the COVID funds from the State. Materials include traffic signals equipment, street lights, storm sewer and other drainage items. **SECONDED BY MR. GUEVARA AND MR. WEBSTER.**
MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$ 668,301 (State)

C.B. District: 17, 20

\$ 12,000 (County)

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 reminded the PWC that we applied for an IEPA 319 Grant for the section of Madigan Creek West of Bell School Road, between Newburg Road northerly to just South of Mill Road (near the E State St Walmart). As development occurs, erosion, washouts and sometimes flooding can occur downstream due to higher water velocities. The County does not have a funding source to deal with this type of drainage issues. These are residents of unincorporated Winnebago County adjacent to municipalities. The drainage-ways or creeks are most of the time not adjacent to a County or even a Township Road; but they are along private properties. County Highway dollars cannot be used to address drainage/flooding issues not located along a County Highway. The County was awarded approximately 1.2 million dollars from the IEPA 319 Grant mentioned above. These grants are 60%/40% match; which means that the County, and other local entities would be responsible for approximately \$750,000 dollars as local match, for a total project of almost \$2 million. In-kind services (labor, equipment and internal engineering) can be used to offset some of the local match. Another possible funding source for the local match could be creating a special service area. If we do not accept the 319 Grant, it will be given to the next agency. Mr. Molina asked the PWC for concurrence to accept the grant. The PWC gave the OK to accept it and directed Mr. Molina to work and coordinate with others on securing sources for the local match.

G. New Business –

H. Adjourn/Recess – **CHAIRMAN TASSONI MOVED TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY MR. GUEVARA. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tracy Robinson, Administrative Assistant