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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD

Called by: Chairman Tassoni

DATE: Monday, August 13, 2024

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 – MR. TASSONI 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 July 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes. SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER AND 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 –
(24-034) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the Greater Rockford Airport Authority for Kishwaukee Road Improvements (Section 24-00731-00-WR). Mr. Molina stated that this Agreement is to widen an approximate 1,000-foot section of Kishwaukee Road to three lanes including a left turn lane adjacent to property owned by the



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Airport. Kishwaukee Road carries a considerable amount of truck traffic at all times of day and this improvement will increase safety to all road users. This project is budgeted and construction is planned for the summer of 2025. The Greater Rockford Airport Authority is funding the engineering (approximately \$90,000) and will reimburse the County for \$100,000 of the construction cost. **SECONDED BY MR. MCCARTHY. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: County \$600,000 / Airport \$190,000

C.B. District: 9

(24-035) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Bid for Moate Road Shoulder Widening and Paving (Section 24-00000-05-GM). Mr. Molina informed that this bid was opened on Monday, August 12th. This is a three-mile section of roadway that connects IL-75 with IL-70, it is in poor condition and carries a substantial amount of truck traffic. The project will widen the road and pave the shoulders. The road will be resurfaced in the future under a separate contract. Construction is planned for fall of 2024. **SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: 478,319.46

C.B. District: 1, 2

(24-036) CHAIRMAN TASSONI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing an Application to the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) for Funds to Develop a Multi-use Path Along or Near Riverside Boulevard to Connect the Perryville Path to the Paladin Parkway Path (Section 24-00733-00-BT). Mr. Molina informed that this Resolution is required by the State to submit an application for ITEP funds. The ITEP application will include engineering that will ultimately connect the Perryville Path to the path on Paladin Parkway by Sportscore II and across I-90/I-39. The application deadline is September 30, 2024. **SECONDED BY MR. WEBSTER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: N/A

C.B. District: 8

Old Legislation -

Other Matters –

Budget Amendment-

Change Order(s) for Information Only –

F. Reports

a. PWC Chairman Tassoni –

b. County Engineer Molina –

- i. Elmwood Road Funding – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that we received \$210,000 in Truck Access Route Program (TARP) Funding for Elmwood Road from Owen Center Road to IL Route 2. The intersection of Owen Center and Elmwood Rd will be improved as part of a separate contract for which the County received safety funds. The Elmwood Road Project is scheduled to begin next year.



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- ii. Riverside Boulevard Project Update - Mr. Molina informed the PWC that we have received approximately 10 million dollars in federal funding; in addition to the local match (\$2 to \$3 million). We will be opening bids for Materials only in early October. These materials include traffic signal equipment, street lights, storm sewer and other drainage items. This is due to COVID dollars awarded to the County for this project in the amount of about \$668,000 which need to be committed by September 30 of 2024.
- iii. Capital Highway Projects – Mr. Molina distributed to the PWC a copy of the Highway Department 2025 budget for Capital Projects and gave them a brief overview of each page and is always available for questions regarding the budget or any Highway questions.

G. New Business –

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tracy Robinson, Administrative Assistant