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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD

Called by: Chairman Tassoni

DATE: Thursday, October 17, 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. WEBSTER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:00 P.M.
- B. Rollcall –
Present: Chris Scrol, Jim Webster, John Guevara and Kevin McCarthy

Also: Carlos Molina, County Engineer
- C. Approval of Minutes – MR. GUEVARA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE the August 13, 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 –
(24-037) MR. GUEVARA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Jurisdictional Transfer of Bell School Road, from Argus Drive to Guilford Road, Out of the Winnebago County Highway System and into the City of Rockford Street System (Section 20-00676-00-WR) Mr. Molina presented an overview of the JT of Bell School Road reminding the



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Committee of the DCEO grant funds acquired through Senator Syverson and Representative Sosnowski used for this project. As the County develops Bell School Road each section will be transferred to the City of Rockford. Once the jurisdictional transfer has been executed by both, County and City; it will be submitted to the State for final approval. Mr. Molina extended an invitation to a ribbon cutting ceremony to the Committee on October 22, 2024. **SECONDED BY MR. SCROL. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$N/A

C.B. District: 8

(24-038) MR. MCCARTHY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Jurisdictional Transfer of Linden Road, from Alpine Road Easterly for 2,662 Feet, Out of the Winnebago County Highway System and into the City of Rockford Street System (Section 23-00715-00-WR) Mr. Molina informed the PWC that this section of Linden Road will be transferred to the City of Rockford once the agreement has been executed by both County and City; it will be submitted to the State for final approval. This is currently the only segment of Linden Road under the jurisdiction of the County. **SECONDED BY MR. GUEVARA. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$N/A

C.B. District: 9

(24-039) MR. GUEVARA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Annual Professional Services Agreement with Various Engineering, Structural, Geotechnical, Testing, and Appraisal Services Companies. Mr. Molina informed the PWC that these annual agreements are for 1 year with the ability to extend for 1 additional year. The agreements are in place for specialized professional services such as surveying, structural engineering, geotechnical engineering and testing as needed. **SECONDED BY MR. SCROL. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: \$125,000. (Not to exceed annually)

C.B. District: County Wide

(24-040) MR. GUEVARA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing a Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Department of the Interior Geological Survey for the Operations of a Streamflow Gaging Station on the Kishwaukee River. Mr. Molina indicated that the purpose of this Resolution is to provide for joint funding of a Stage-discharge gage station on the Kishwaukee River at S. Perryville Road. This station has been in operation since 1932 and the County has been sharing in the cost with the USGS since 2005. In 2020 the County was offered a five-year contract. There are 6 stream gages in the County (3 of them are stream-discharge) and this is the only one on the Kishwaukee River. A full range Stage-Discharge gage measures not only the river's water height but also the water flow volumes. This information is valuable for river studies conducted by USGS, FEMA, Illinois State Water Survey (ISWS), Rock River Watershed Group, local municipalities, highway departments and the State. **SECONDED BY MR. MCCARTHY. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.**

Cost: USGS \$ 5,760 Annually/5 Years

C.B. District: 9, 11

WC \$ 11,902.40 Avg. Annually/5 Years

(24-041) MR. GUEVARA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Bid for Winnebago Road Infrastructure Improvements (Section 21-00702-00-DR). Mr. Molina informed the PWC that we applied and were awarded a grant from FEMA for



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improvements to alleviate flooding issues on Winnebago Road south of IL Route 70. This is 75% FEMA / 25% County funding, with up to \$375,000 in grant dollars to be reimbursed to the County for construction, preliminary engineering and Highway Department staff hours.

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

Cost: FEMA \$ 266,366.63

C.B. District: 1

County \$ 88,788.88

(24-042) MR. GUEVARA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Bid for the Elevated Water Storage Tank Improvements at the Winnebago County Water District (Section 24-00730-00-MS). Mr. Molina informed the PWC that this maintenance work includes replacing the tank agitator, updating the tank fall arrest and restraint system to current OSHA standards, draining, cleaning and inspecting the elevated water storage tank as required by the IEPA every 5 years. SECONDED BY MR. MCCARTHY. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$ 59,600

C.B. District: 11

(24-043) MR. GUEVARA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A MR. WEBSTER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Award of Materials Bids for the Riverside Boulevard Project Between Material Avenue and Sage Drive (Section 23-00624-02-LT) Mr. Molina informed the PWC this Resolution is for materials only as part of the Riverside Boulevard project, which is being funded with federal STBG funds, and with \$668,301 in State Covid dollars. The Covid funds need to be committed in 2024 and that is what is being used for the purchase of these materials. The rest will be paid with local funds. Highway staff recommends award for traffic signal materials and storm sewer materials for a total of \$797,209.87; and to reject the bid for the street lights materials, which will then be done with the construction project to be bid later in 2025. SECONDED BY MR. SCROL. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: State \$ 668,301

County \$ 128,908.84

C.B. District: 17, 20

(24-044) MR. MCCARTHY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Utility Tractor. Mr. Molina informed the PWC that this purchase is to replace one of the old utility (mower) tractors. SECONDED BY MR. SCROL. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: \$ 30,284.17

C.B. District: County Wide

Old Legislation -

Other Matters –

Budget Amendment-

Change Order(s) for Information Only –



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- 24-00000-03-GM – Mr. Molina informed the PWC that the Highway Department requested SKC Construction, Inc. complete additional fiber modified asphalt crack sealing on Perryville Road. Staff recognized the value and quality of the work.
- F. Reports
- a. PWC Chairman Tassoni –
 - b. County Engineer Molina –
 - i. Mr. Molina extended an invitation to the Bell School and Guilford Road Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on October 22, 2024.
 - ii. Mr. Molina extended an invitation to a Highway Department Appreciation Cookout on October 25, 2024.
- G. New Business –
- H. Adjourn/Recess – MR. GUEVARA MOVED TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY MR. MCCARTHY. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tracy Robinson, Administrative Assistant