



COUNTY OF BURNETT
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Burnett County Government Center

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MINUTES

Infrastructure Committee

September 12, 2012

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Awe called the September 12, 2012, meeting of the Infrastructure Committee to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room 165 of the Burnett County Government Center.

NOTICE POSTED IN ACCORDANCE TO WIS. STAT. 19.84 OPEN MEETING LAW

MEMBERS PRESENT Richard Anderson, Charles Awe, Dale Dresel, Emmett Bryne, Jeremy Gronski, Bert Lund, Jr. and Christopher Sybers.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER Motion to approve the agenda order was made by Supervisor Lund, seconded by Supervisor Byrne. Chairman Awe noted the five-year highway plan will be discussed under agenda item 8c. Motion carried, voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 8, 2012, MEETING Motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2012, Infrastructure Committee meeting was made by Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Sybers. Motion carried, voice vote.

AIRPORT DEPARTMENT

Year-To-Date Budget Summary There were no questions on the submitted Year-To-Date Budget Summary report.

Operation Report Supervisor Dresel inquired about airport project funds relinquished by the Village of Grantsburg. As there were no airport projects undertaken in 2012, these funds were not utilized.

Project Reports Mr. Sickler reported the Fly-In on July 21, 2012, was very successful and was well attended by the public.

Hangar Lease Transfer Mr. Sickler reported two hangars are for sale and there are interested buyers for each. If the sales go through, the existing leases previously approved by the committee will be transferred to the new owners. Mr. Sickler is in favor of the sales and inquired whether committee approval of the lease transfers was necessary. Following discussion, motion to allow Mr. Sickler to approve transfers of existing leases and report these transactions in a timely fashion to the committee was made by Supervisor Dresel, seconded by Supervisor Anderson. Motion carried, voice vote.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Year-To-Date Budget Summary There were no questions on the submitted Year-To-Date

Budget Summary report.

Operational Report Maintenance Supervisor Gary Faught reviewed the Operational Report. In response to a question from Chairman Awe, Mr. Faught reported the clog in a toilet in the jail was intentional.

Project Reports/Other Mr. Faught reported installation of carpeting and the traffic window/counter in the Clerk of Courts office is in process. Johnson Controls will attend the October 10, 2012, meeting to discuss different options on how to update the air conditioning systems. The 2013 Maintenance Department budget request was reviewed with the county administrator and financial manager. Mr. Faught expects no changes will be made to the department budget request.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Year-to-Date Budget Summary There were no questions on the submitted Year-To-Date Budget Summary report.

Operational Report Highway Commissioner Robert Morehouse reviewed the Operations Report and answered questions from the committee. Electronics in the underground fuel storage tanks failed and need to be replaced. Mr. Morehouse will be requesting carryover funds for this purpose later in the meeting. Supervisor Dresel inquired whether the speed limit on sections of State Highway 48 could be lowered to 45 miles per hour for safety reasons. Mr. Morehouse said that was not possible but noted there are advisory signs in those locations. Mr. Morehouse also noted the intersection of State Highway 48 and County Road Z has recently been improved.

Projects Reports/Other Chairman Awe requested input from the committee on how to keep the five-year highway plan moving forward. The resolution in support of the plan is currently before the Administration Committee. Burnett County Chairman Donald Taylor was present and reported the Administration Committee is working to dovetail the costs of the highway plan with the communications tower upgrade project and the State Road 35/70 roundabout. Once the total cost of these projects is determined, funding options will be explored. Bonding and future levy increases are two options being considered. Committee consensus was the public needs to be educated about the highway plan in order to solicit their support. Mr. Morehouse noted work on the five-year plan can begin as soon as funding has been determined and approved. Chairman Awe urged the Administration Committee to act as soon as possible

Review and Adopt Policy for County Aid for Townships/Village Bridges Mr. Morehouse reviewed the policy for County Aid for Township/Village bridges. The policy follows state statutes but has not been formally adopted. Motion to adopt the Burnett County Highway Department Policy on County Aid for Township/Village Bridges was made by Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Sybers. Motion carried, voice vote.

Carryover Fund Request Mr. Morehouse reviewed his request to carryover funds from several accounts including capital expenditures for the repair of the fuel system electronics, replacement of a router trailer and purchase of office chairs. Estimate of the fuel system repair from O'Day Equipment is \$10,890.00 and Mr. Morehouse estimates the router trailer will cost \$1,600.00. Motion to approve three carryover requests to take to the Administration Committee was made by Supervisor Dresel, seconded by Supervisor Anderson. Motion carried, voice vote

SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION OF CTH U FROM STATE HIGHWAY 35 TO CTH C Mr. Morehouse reported members of the public and the Wisconsin State Patrol approached the Transportation Safety Committee about reducing the speed limit on County Road U from State Highway 35 to County Road C from 55 miles per hour to 45 miles per hour. A business is located on this segment of County Road U which is less than one mile in length. Motion to approve the reduced speed limit was made by Supervisor Sybers, seconded by Supervisor Anderson. Motion carried, voice vote.

WEIGHT LIMIT POSTING: NORTH CTH H Mr. Morehouse reported North County Road H has suffered extensive damage due to heavy logging truck activity. Frequent road maintenance has been required and the damage is ongoing. Mr. Morehouse has decided to impose weight limits on North County Road H to 4.5 tons per axle. The weight limit will be inforce until the road can be repaired.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS None.

NEXT MEETING DATE October 10, 2012.

ADJOURN Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Lund, seconded by Supervisor Dresel. Motion carried, voice vote. Chairman Awe adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.