



COUNTY OF BURNETT  
**INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**  
Burnett County Government Center

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## MINUTES

Infrastructure Committee  
March 8, 2016

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

**CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Awe called the March 8, 2016, meeting of the Infrastructure Committee to order at 9:30 a.m. in Room 165 of the Burnett County Government Center, Siren, Wisconsin.

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

**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 that agenda item 9e will be postponed. Motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Supervisor Lund, seconded by Supervisor Byrne. Motion carried, voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2016, MEETING** Motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2016, meeting was made by Supervisor Lund, seconded by Supervisor Sybers. Motion carried, voice vote.

**UPDATE ON HIGHWAY/FORESTRY FACILITY** Highway Commissioner Michael Hoefs updated the committee on the Highway/Forestry Facility. Engineering bids are due March 16, 2016. A formal bid opening will be held at 1:30 p.m. in Room 160 of the Burnett County Government Center. Monday, March 14, 2016, the Administration Committee will consider a financing resolution which will be presented at the County Board meeting on March 17, 2016. Financing requests will be sent to various banks and will be due on April 1, 2016. Final approval of the facility could be made at the April 19, 2016, County Board meeting. Mr. Hoefs discussed changes to the placement of the new building necessitated because of wetlands issues. County Administrator Nathan Ehalt provided information about forestry funds available for zero interest loans.

### **AIRPORT DEPARTMENT**

**Budget Report** There were no questions on the submitted budget performance report.

**Operational Report** No report was submitted. Mr. Ehalt reported on progress on the remaining obstructions as well as discussions with the Department of Transportation concerning easements

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and possible purchase of property outside of the airport easement. The new St. Croix Tribal development was discussed with regards to the roundabout. Fuel reports will be provided in the future. Airport Attendant Chuck Schultz reported the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wants to restrict access to their road which comes off of County Road K; the Highway department will remove any signs. Pathway indicator lights and DNR fire plans were discussed. Mr. Schultz reported he was preparing the lawn mowers for the season.

**Project Report** No project report was submitted.

**Continue Clarifying Airport Vision** Chairman Awe noted there will be a discussion on the future needs of the airport at the Committee of the Whole meeting on March 31, 2016. Mr. Ehalt has been compiling information from other airports and reported there are three basic management styles: airport manager, private contractor and county administrator. Discussion ensued on public opinion and thoughts about the airport.

## **MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT**

**Budget Report** There were no questions on the submitted Year-End and Year-To-Date Budget Summary reports.

**Operational Report** Maintenance Department Supervisor Gary Faught answered questions on the submitted Operational Report.

**Project Report** Mr. Faught updated the committee on projects planned for 2016.

**Approve Additional Funding – Government Center Control Access System** Mr. Faught explained the need for additional funds in the amount of \$5,800.00 for the Door Access System Expansion project. Motion to approve the transfer from a funding source to be determined to line item #101-12-51600-50821 was made by Supervisor Dresel, seconded by Supervisor Byrne. Motion carried, voice vote.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

**Budget Report** Mr. Hoefs submitted a Year-To-Date Budget Summary report. Road maintenance costs for the winter months in 2015 were compared with 2016 costs. 2016 costs were above 2015, but less than budgeted.

**Operational Report** Mr. Hoefs reviewed his report and answered questions from the committee on the submitted Highway Operations Report. Chairman Awe reported on a letter from a Grantsburg School student about deer and ditch mowing. Plans for an Implements of Husbandry seminar were mentioned.

**Project Report** Mr. Hoefs reviewed his report and answered questions from the committee on the submitted Project Report.

**Resolution on Highway Safety Awareness Week** Motion to approve the Resolution on Highway Safety Awareness Week was made by Supervisor Byrne, seconded by Supervisor Sybers. Motion carried, voice vote.

**Ordinance on Speed Reduction in Work Zones** This agenda item was postponed.

**Discussion and Possible Decision on County Road C Improvement** Discussion ensued on three options for County Road C safety improvements. Motion to stay with option one and fix the road where it currently runs was made by Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Gronski. Motion carried, voice vote. Supervisor Dresel voted no.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** Ordinance on Speed Reduction in Work Zones.

**NEXT MEETING DATE** April 13, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.

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**ADJOURN** Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Sybers, seconded by Supervisor Gronski. Chairman Awe adjourned the meeting at 11:48 a.m.