



COUNTY OF BURNETT
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

Infrastructure Committee
June 10, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT Chuck Awe, Emmett Byrne, Duane Johnson, Bert Lund Jr., Ramona Moody, Jim Pearson and Don Taylor.

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

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Awe called the June 10, 2020, meeting of the Infrastructure Committee to order at the Burnett County Government Center, Room 165 at 9:30 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Nolan Ehalt stated he is here to learn something. Nora Ehalt stated they are here to learn.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER Motion to approve the amended agenda order to move item #8 to item #10 was made by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Lund. Motion carried, voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2020, MEETING Motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2020, meeting as submitted was made by Supervisor Byrne, seconded by Supervisor Lund. Motion carried, voice vote.

AIRPORT DEPARTMENT

Budget Performance Report The Airport Budget Performance Report was submitted and reviewed.

Operational Report Operations Supervisor Chuck Schultz answered committee questions. Highway Commissioner Mike Hoefs commented Leo Nelson took care of the beaver dam. The radar run was cancelled in May but are planning to go ahead with the September event if the committee approves. Supervisor Awe commented everything is open. Administrator Ehalt stated they would need to follow the recommended state guidelines. All the events were cancelled for Camp Burnett and other events. Supervisor Awe questioned how much time would he need to cancel the event if it was already scheduled. Mr. Schultz answered he would need a couple of weeks. Chairman Awe stated they would revisit this in July

Project Report Mr. Schultz answered committee questions.

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MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Budget Performance Report Maintenance Supervisor Gary Faught reviewed his budget performance report.

Operational Report Mr. Faught reviewed his submitted report and answered committee questions. He reported the meetings at the Highway Department worked but it was an echo chamber. Supervisor Anderson had loaned a couple of speakers that made an improvement.

Project Report Mr. Faught reviewed his project report and answered committee questions.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Budget Performance Report Highway Commissioner Mike Hoefs reviewed his budget performance report. There is an analysis report in the packet. Mr. Hoefs stated the revenues still exceed expenses by \$195,000.00.

Operational Report Mr. Hoefs reviewed the operational report and answered committee questions. The highway department is abiding by the county guidelines.

Project Report Mr. Hoefs reviewed the submitted project status report and answered committee questions. County Trunk Highway H and G pavement projects have been completed. In August they will be scrub sealing. Supervisor Johnson stated they did not do the apron after they paved on County Trunk Highway H and Oak Road. Mr. Hoefs stated they would be working on that today.

PRESENTATION OF SIX-YEAR HIGHWAY PLAN Mr. Hoefs presented the 2019 Burnett County Pavement Management Plan. Mr. Hoefs has been working on the capital improvement plan for 18 months. He knows the road condition every year. The life of a road is 30 years and showed a chart of the miles of resurfacing. He presented a chart on what the cost per mile is on maintenance improvement. He stated there are three major seals in the first 15 years; first chip seal in year three, second chip seal at year 10, third chip seal at year 16. Administrator Ehalt commented it is nice to see what prevention would get us when talking about maintenance. Mr. Hoefs stated they would be seal coating 35 miles of road this year. Mr. Ehalt discussed bonding as a finance option, which is borrowing from the future. Mr. Hoefs mentioned there are grants and the core funding opportunities are additional federal grants/programs, wheelage tax, forestry revenues, bonding, reserves and some combination. The federal grants/programs are the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) and Federal Land Access Program (FLAP). Administrator Ehalt stated it would be a combination of financing and to bring forth ideas. A Committee of the Whole meeting is being planned for late August and would be looking at budgets over the next five years for goals and priorities. There may have to be a combined Administration Committee Meeting and Infrastructure Committee Meeting to discuss the options. Two paper mills, one in Duluth and one in Wisconsin Rapids, owned by Verso Corporation, will be laying off 1,000 employees, which will affect forestry. With the interest rates being low at this time, it might be something to look at. Supervisor Taylor commented it is easier to borrow than go through a referendum. Administrator Ehalt commented the County Board threw out wheelage tax last year. Supervisor Johnson discussed borrowing the money now with the lower interest rates.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS Time Trials and Public Safety Analysis.

NEXT MEETING July 8, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Pearson. Motion carried, voice vote. Chairman Awe adjourned the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

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**TOUR AT HIGHWAY FACILITY BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS. NO COUNTY
BUSINESS WILL BE CONDUCTED**