



COUNTY OF BURNETT
INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Burnett County Government Center
September 15, 2010

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Awe called the September 15, 2010, 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, Eldon Freese, Bert Lund, Jr., Jim Sundquist, Christopher Sybers and Donald Taylor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Maria Rosenthal, Carl Hanson and Cheryl Gray reserved public comments for agenda item six.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER Motion to approve the agenda order was made by Supervisor Lund, seconded by Supervisor Freese. Motion carried, voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2010, MEETING Motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2010, Infrastructure Committee meeting was made by Supervisor Anderson, seconded by Supervisor Lund. Motion carried, voice vote.

APPLICATION TO OPEN COUNTY ROAD H TO ATV TRAFFIC Chairman Awe opened the meeting to public comments. Maria Rosenthal stated she was a spokesperson for Webb Lake businesses and on their behalf, requested the application to open County Road H to ATV Traffic be withdrawn. The businesses share the committee's concern about safety. Carl Hanson spoke against the compromise proposed by Sheriff Dean Roland to open a portion of County Road H for a one year trial. Chairman Awe closed public comments. Motion to accept the withdrawal of the application to open County Road H to ATV traffic was made by Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Lund. Chairman Awe stated he expects the application to be resubmitted and hopes it can be worked on at the committee level. Motion carried, voice vote.

HARVEST PLAN FOR PROPERTIES NORTH AND EAST OF THE AIRPORT Airport Manager Jeremy Sickler reviewed the harvest plan for 190 acres north of the airport developed by Forest and Parks Department Administrator Jason Nichols. The land is owned by the county but is not county forest. If the committee approves the plan, a timber sale would be established. Potential revenues could range from \$77,850.00 to \$106,425.00. Meenon Township will not share in the revenue as it is not county forest. Motion to move forward with the harvest plan on 190 acres north of the airport and request Burnett County Forest and Parks Department to set up

the timber sale was made by Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Freese. Motion carried, voice vote.

AIRPORT DEPARTMENT

Year to Date Budget Summary Mr. Sickler reviewed the submitted Year-to-Date Budget Summary and answered questions from the committee.

Operations Report Mr. Sickler reviewed the Airport operations report and answered questions from the committee.

Project Reports Mr. Sickler reported a marketing plan is being developed for the airport with the assistance of the Airport Advisory Group. Mr. Sickler also reported he submitted the project petition to the Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics this week. Mr. Sickler has learned the Grantsburg Airport project money is likely to be available to Burnett County. Discussion ensued on the commercial lease being drafted for the mechanic who would like to expand his Eau Claire business to the Burnett County Airport. The draft lease has been reviewed by the County Administrator and Chairman Awe. Corporation Counsel will also review it. Discussion ensued on the appropriate level of incentives to attract the new business. Committee consensus was a long term lease with no rent for the first few years would be appropriate. The committee also favored an annual review of the lease. A draft of the lease will be in the committee packets for the October 20, 2010, meeting.

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Year to Date Budget Summary There were no questions on the submitted Maintenance Department Budget Performance Report.

Operations Report Mr. Faught reviewed the department operations report and answered questions from the committee. Discussion ensued on the need to replace the boiler. Mr. Faught noted the boiler is about mid-life at 26 years old. An estimate to replace it has been worked out, but it is not necessary at this point. Chairman Awe reported he was studying storage needs of the government center and hopes to develop a long range plan. Mr. Faught reported the Tribal Liaison Officer's storage shed has been delivered and is in place but needs to be leveled.

Project Report There were no questions about the submitted project report. Mr. Faught reported increased recycling capacity will be in place for 2011. The handicapped sidewalk will be done yet this year. Supervisor Freese commented on the improved parking lot signage. Discussion ensued on enlarging the Government Center parking lot. Mr. Faught estimates 64 lots could be added. An engineering study would be required. Highway Commissioner Robert Morehouse estimated the cost to expand the parking lot could be \$50,000.00 - \$60,000.00. Mr. Faught noted parking lot issues are limited to days when the County Board meets, court is in session and special events are held. Expanding the parking lot will be a future agenda item.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Year to Date Budget Summary There were no questions on the submitted Highway Department Year-to-Date Account Classification Report.

Operations Report Mr. Morehouse reviewed the Open Project Status Report and answered questions from the committee.

Project Reports No additional highway projects were discussed.

Fall Committee/Commissioner Meeting in Hayward (October) Mr. Morehouse anticipates the Fall Committee/Commissioner Meeting in Hayward, WI, will be held October 21, 2010. Discussion ensued on how the administration of state road projects affects counties. This topic is expected to be discussed with politicians invited to the fall meeting.

WISCONSIN COUNTIES ASSOCIATION (WCA) CONFERENCE Chairman Awe reported he is unable to attend the WCA Conference but noted the Infrastructure Committee will be well represented.

DISCUSS HIGHWAY RESEARCH Chairman Awe asked the committee to reaffirm its commitment to researching highway department solutions. Supervisor Sybers expressed his support for a wheel tax and will research the idea further. Supervisor Anderson is researching sharing municipal equipment and noted attitudes about local control are hard to change. Chairman Awe is gathering information on outsourcing the highway department. The committee agreed to continue this discussion.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS Highway research update, parking lot expansion, airport commercial lease, speed limit on County Road B and riding ATV's in the ditch on County Road B.

NEXT MEETING DATE October 20, 2010.

ADJOURN A motion to adjourn the September 15, 2010, meeting of the Infrastructure Committee was made by Supervisor Taylor, seconded by Supervisor Sybers. Motion carried, voice vote. Chairman Awe adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.