



MARATHON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 4, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
Marathon County Highway Department, Wausau, WI

Attendance:	Present	Excused	Absent
Randy Fifrick, Chair	x		
Sandi Cihlar, Vice-Chair	x		
John Robinson	x		
Jeff Johnson	x		
Alan Christensen		x	
Richard Gumz	x		
Chris Dickinson	x		

Also Present: James Griesbach, Kevin Lang, Kendra Pergolski, Gerry Klein, Lance Leonhard, Dave Mack, Mark Cihlar, Brian Grefe, Andrew Lynch, Peter Weinschek,

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Fifrick at 9:01 a.m.
- 2. Public Comment:** N/A
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the May 7, 2020, Infrastructure Committee Meeting**
MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY JOHNSON, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2020, INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING PURSUANT TO CHANGES DISCUSSED. MOTION CARRIED.
- 4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination:**
 - Consideration of the Broadband Task Force Charter and potential recommendation to the County Board
Discussion: Robinson summarized to the committee the potential framework of what the task force charter would look like.
Action: MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY CIHLAR, FOR APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A BROADBAND TASK FORCE CHARTER. MOTION CARRIED.
Follow through: N/A
- 5. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:**
 - Sale of Excess Right of Way 28th Avenue
Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach reviewed with the committee the proposal made by Mr. Thompson to purchase a small parcel of land owned by the county. The committee discussed future needs, the possibility of retaining the right-of-way, and ownership rights going forward.
Action: MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECOND BY ROBINSON, TO RECOMMEND THE SALE OF THE PARCEL CONTINGENT ON BUY-BACK PROVISION IN THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT. MOTION CARRIED.
Follow through: Commissioner Griesbach to provide Property and Finance with the appraised value of the land and what it was originally purchased for.
 - 2021 County Highway Capital Improvement Projects
Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach reviewed with the committee his proposed projects: County Trunk L bridge abutment decay and the replacement with a twin box culvert, County Trunk O railing and deck replacement, and the multi-use trail surface treatment.
Action: MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY DICKINSON, TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. MOTION CARRIED.
Follow through: N/A
 - 2021 City County Information Technology Capital Improvement Projects
Discussion: Gerry Klein reviewed with the committee the proposed project in replacing the financial software and the additional funds needed, and touched on the need to replace the talent management system.
Action: MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY CIHLAR, TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CITY COUNTY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED.
Follow through: N/A

D. 2021 Central Wisconsin Airport Capital Improvement Projects

Discussion: Mark Cihlar addressed the committee regarding their master plan and decoupling their intersecting runways noting that they are not requesting actual CIP funding.

Action: MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY GUMZ, TO MOVE FORWARD WITH CENTRAL WISCONSIN AIRPORTS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. MOTION CARRIED.

Follow through: N/A

E. Highway Department Reorganization

Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach addressed the committee with his desire to re-organize the administrative staff in order to meet growing needs.

Action: MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECOND BY ROBINSON, TO ABOLISH ONE POSITION; MOVE ONE EMPLOYEE FROM A .5 TO A .8 OF TIME WORKED; AND TO MOVE THIS FORWARD TO HUMAN RESOURCES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MOTION CARRIED.

Follow through: N/A

6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion

A. Highway Commissioner's Report

Discussion: Report provided.

B. City County Information Technology Department Update

Discussion: Report provided.

C. Wisconsin County Highway Association Summer Road School

Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach notified the committee that although the road school is not cancelled, the county is no longer sending anyone.

D. ATV/UTV Policy update

Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach advised that he is receiving many applications and everything thus far has gone smoothly.

7. Announcements:

A. Future meetings and location, agenda topics
July 2, 9:00 AM, 1430 West Street, Wausau

8. Adjourn

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:17AM.

Minutes prepared

By Kendra Pergolski on June 8, 2020.