



MARATHON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 2, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
Marathon County Courthouse, Wausau, WI 54401

Attendance:	Present	Excused	Absent
John Robinson, Chair	x		
Richard Gumz, Vice-Chair	x		
Tom Seubert	x		
Alan Christensen	x		
Sandi Cihlar	x		
Jeff Johnson	x		
Allen Opall	x		

Also Present: James Griesbach, Kevin Lang, Kendra Pergolski, Gerry Klein, Lance Leonard, Craig McEwen, Jon Graveen, Peter Weirschert, Jamie Polley

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair John Robinson at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Public Comment:** Al Drobek, County Board Member, expressed concern regarding 911 coverage in low cell phone service areas.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the January 2, 2020, Infrastructure Committee Meeting**
MOTION BY CIHLAR, SECOND BY GUMZ, TO AMEND THE DECEMBER 5, 2019, MINUTES TO INSERT A PROVISION TO REFLECT THAT THERE WAS A DISCUSSION RELATIVE TO THE COMPLETENESS OF THE MINUTES INCLUDING THE DISCUSSION ON THE ISSUES RAISED; AND THAT COMMITTEE MEMBER JOHNSON'S ATTENDANCE BE CHANGED TO 'EXCUSED.' MOTION CARRIED.
4. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination**

A. County Support of Sport Events Occurring on County Highways
Discussion:

Commissioner Griesbach provided the committee with a draft of a resolution regarding the requests received for use of county highways. Griesbach provided the committee with a broad overview of the resolution including: the application and review process, proposed routes, recovery of costs, and deadlines.

The committee discussed the need for the policy to have a standardized application between departments as well as the implication of the events not affecting each departments' standard duties. Polley described the current process of applicants coming to Parks and Recreation for services and the lack of fluidness between the departments; Polley recommended potentially utilizing a communication calendar between departments so to advise all departments where services are being allocated and when.

Action: N/A

Follow through: Leonard will discuss with the internal work group the notion of the desire to have a standardized application; the establishment of a fee structure; articulate which events are covered; and the potential development of a community calendar.

B. Implementation County Outdoor Recreation Plan, And Creation of Multimodal Transportation Sub-Committee

Discussion: Polley addressed the committee regarding the desire to put together a sub-committee of the Infrastructure and Parks committees whose members would consist of herself, a representative from the highway department, representative from the Sheriff's department, and a representative from a local biking organization.

Action: N/A

Follow through: Polley to develop a plan as to the sub-committee and bring it back to the Infrastructure committee when prepared.

C. Update on Land Acquisition on New County Facilities

Discussion: Chair Robinson summarized the updates on the Witter Farms property. Leonard explained to the committee that the next steps would be to meet with the City of Wausau due to the joint interest in order to develop solutions. The committee suggested that there be a more articulated written detail as to the funds that this project would require and where they would be allocated.

Action: N/A

Follow through: N/A

D. What is the role of the County for citizens that cannot get phone service for 911

Discussion: Klein addressed the committee with regard to the growing concern over aging infrastructure and the ability to connect with emergency response resources. Klein advised that they are currently attempting to work with Frontier to install new 911 circuits but they are unable to get an install date. Klein also stated that he is receiving a number of reports that Frontier is not servicing or attempting to fix deteriorating lines. Klein advised that he has made many unsuccessful attempts to contact Frontier.

Action: N/A

Follow through: Chair Robinson to contact legislators regarding our statutory authority and formally invite Frontier to attend a committee meeting.

5. **Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:** N/A

6. **Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion**

A. Update on the discussions relative to "Infrastructure Long Term Transportation & Capital Improvement Plan"
Discussion: Lang summarized the NCRPC funds allocated for the traffic modeling; he also addressed the committee about the safety plans.

B. Broadband Update, Melinda Osterberg: N/A

C. Wisconsin County Highway Association Update

Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach advised about the new requirements regarding GPS and their venture in hiring a full-time staff person.

D. Highway Commissioner's Report: N/A

E. Update on Current IT Projects: N/A

F. City County Information Technology Commission Report: Klein provided the committee with a handout evidencing all the current projects and updates.

7. **Announcements:**

A. Future meetings and location, agenda topics
February 6, 2020, 9:00 AM

8. **Adjourn**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY OPALL, SECOND BY CHRISTENEN. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING
ADJOURNED AT 10:30AM.**

Minutes prepared

By Kendra Pergolski on January 24, 2020.