



## MARATHON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 6, 2020, 9:00 a.m.  
Marathon County Highway Department, Wausau, WI

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 Leonhard, Craig McEwen, Jon Graveen, Peter Weirschert, Jamie Polley, Mark Voss, Brian Grefe, Mike Hill

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Gumz at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Public Comment:** N/A
3. **Approval of the Minutes of the January 2, 2020, Infrastructure Committee Meeting**  
**MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECOND BY SEUBERT, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2, 2020, INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.**

4. **Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination**

A. Discussion on Emergency 911 Phone Service for Marathon County

**Discussion:** Chair Robinson addressed committee regarding what issues should be discussed at the upcoming meeting in which Frontier is scheduled to appear with the main concerns being: lack of communication, gaps in service and the concern for safety. The committee discussed their main concerns and pinpointed their most pertinent questions to be: Frontier's policy on extending service to new construction in their service area, legal obligation for infrastructure maintenance and implications of deregulation of service, plans for current maintenance on infrastructure, where can people go with complaints, and their long-term plan.

**Action:** N/A

**Follow through:** N/A

B. Broadband Study, Next Steps

**Discussion:** Chair Robinson advised that the final report from Design 9 has been received but has not been shared with many in the community. He discussed the dilemma with appointing a task force due to county board members terms potentially ending in April. He advised that over the next few months, the goal is to identify what opportunities are available and later appoint a task force to move forward.

**Action:** N/A

**Follow through:** N/A

C. Long Term Planning on General Transportation Aids

**Discussion:** Commissioner Griesbach summarized how they intend to leverage general transportation aids. Griesbach shared his intent to meet with Tim Ramberg on how to maximize aids and leverage the 6 year rolling average.

**Action:** N/A

**Follow through:** N/A

D. County Support of Sport Events Occurring on County Highways

**Discussion:** Commissioner Griesbach updated the committee on an upcoming meeting with the Sheriff's Department, Jamie Polley, Lance Leonhard and Matthew Barns in which they plan to devise a policy.

**Action:** N/A

**Follow through:** N/A

5. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:
  - A. WPS Electrical Underground Easement Between Joint Airport Board and Wisconsin Public Service  
**Discussion:** Lance Leonhard, on behalf of Brian Grefe, brought an easement request to the committee on behalf of Spirit Medical Transport. Leonhard advised that the easement is in accordance with the airports master plan and advised that the committee needs to approve it before it moves on to the board.  
**Action: MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECOND BY SEUBERT, TO APPROVE THE EASEMENT REQUEST MADE BY SPIRIT MEDICAL TRANSPORT FOR PUBLIC SERVICE ACCESS. MOTION CARRIES.**  
**Follow through: N/A**
  - B. Appointment for County Board Size Task Force  
**Discussion:** Chair Robinson requested that anyone interested in joining the task force should so communicate it to him and he will pass it along to Chair Gibbs. Committee members interested: Seubert, Johnson, Cihlar.  
**Action: N/A**  
**Follow through: N/A**
  - C. Highway Department Workforce Realignment  
**Discussion:** Commissioner Griesbach informed the committee that due to large overturn of the night maintenance technician, they look to move said position to a daytime shift. Griesbach has been working with Facilities and Capital Management with the intent of Facilities to hire a part-time nighttime custodial position in which the Highway Department would then utilize.  
**Action: MOTION BY CHRISTENSEN, SECOND BY JOHNSON, TO APPROVE THE TRANSITION OF THE MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN FROM A NIGHTTIME SHIFT TO DAYTIME, AND THE SUPPORT FOR FACILITIES AND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT TO HIRE A PART-TIME NIGHTTIME CUSTODIAN. MOTION CARRIES.**
6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion
  - A. Update on the discussions relative to "Infrastructure Long Term Transportation & Capital Improvement Plan"  
**Discussion:** Leonhard updated the committee on long term sustainable funding and the ability to seek out other avenues of funding for foreseeable capital needs.
  - B. Wisconsin County Highway Association Winter Road School Update  
**Discussion:** Johnson shared with the committee the study that Brown County had done and the positive impact they had by applying rumble strips to dangerous roadways.
  - C. ATV/UTV Uniform Ordinance Update  
**Discussion:** Commissioner Griesbach updated the committee on the policy being passed and notice being sent to all municipalities regarding the uniform ordinance; he also advised that the application has been updated.
  - D. Wisconsin County Highway Association Update  
**Discussion:** Commissioner Griesbach advised the committee on "fast-tracking projects," and the Flaggers Bill of Rights.
  - E. Highway Commissioner's Report:  
**Discussion:** Report provided.
  - F. Update on Current IT Projects, Klein  
**Discussion:** Report provided.
  - G. City County Information Technology Commission Report  
**Discussion:** Report provided.
7. **Announcements:**
  - A. Future meetings and location, agenda topics  
March 5, 9:00 AM, 212 River Drive, Room 5, Wausau
8. **Adjourn**  
**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY CHRISTENSEN, SECOND BY JOHNSON. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:10AM.**