



**MARATHON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, March 3, 2022, 9:00 a.m.
Marathon County Courthouse, 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, Kendra Pergolski, Kevin Lang, Michael Puerner, Dave Mack, Jean Maszk, Kurt Gibbs, Gerry Klein, Andrew Lynch, Lance Leonhard, Noor Ali Hassan, Carol Wesley, Darryl Landeau

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Fifrick at 9:01 a.m.
- 2. Public Comment:** Carol Wesley spoke on behalf of The Achieve Center urging the committee to make a decision regarding the 28th Avenue corridor as their plans to expand are being greatly affected due to contractor scheduling conflicts and future abilities.
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the February 3, 2022, Infrastructure Committee Meetings**
MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY CHRISTENSEN, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 3, 2022, INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.
- 4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination:**
 - A. Review of Departments Policy and Procedures for Utility Accommodations with Possible Revisions for County's Desire for Broadband Expansion**
Discussion: Griesbach expounded on the current utility policies and correlated procedures. Committee discussed language in resolution provided in packet.
Action: N/A
Follow through: N/A
 - B. Marathon County Highway's 2050 Transportation Plan**
Discussion: Griesbach sought input from committee members on what information they would like provided in the report. Discussion ensued between members; topics of interest were determined to be: time measures in regard to less used roads, wheel tax money analysis, all-season road capabilities.
Action: N/A
Follow through: N/A
 - C. 2022 PSC Broadband Access Grant Partnerships**
Discussion: Robinson reviewed with the committee the current status of the PSC broadband grant partnerships as well as the hardships with each and problems incurred with overlapping of coverage.
Action: MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY JOHNSON, TO SUPPORT THE ADVANCEMENT OF FUNDING IN THE PROPOSAL TO HR/FINANCE ADVANCED BY THE BROADBAND TASK FORCE OF \$235 PER UNIT AS A FORGIVABLE LOAN AND LOAN AVAILABILITY ABOVE THAT SUBJECT TO COUNTY BOARD APPROVAL. MOTION CARRIED.
Follow through: N/A
 - D. Motion to go into Closed Session (Roll Call Vote), pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(e), for the purpose of deliberating or negotiation the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, to wit:
Discussion regarding possible land purchase for future joint county facilities.**
Action: MOTION BY DICKINSON, SECOND BY JOHNSON, TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION (ROLL CALL VOTE), PURSUANT TO WIS. STAT. S. 19.85(1)(E), FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELIBERATING OR NEGOTIATION THE PURCHASE OF PUBLIC PROPERTIES, THE INVESTING OF PUBLIC FUNDS, OR CONDUCTING OTHER SPECIFIED PUBLIC BUSINESS, WHENEVER COMPETITIVE OR BARGAINING

REASONS REQUIRE A CLOSED SESSION, TO WIT: DISCUSSION REGARDING POSSIBLE LAND PURCHASE FOR FUTURE JOINT COUNTY FACILITIES. MOTION CARRIED.

E. / F. Motion to return to Open Session / Announcements

Action: MOTION BY CHRISTENSEN, SECOND BY ROBINSON, TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. MOTION CARRIED.

Follow through: N/A

5. Operational Functions required by Statute, Ordinance, or Resolution:

A. Resolution supporting National Work Zone Safety Week, April 11-15

Action: MOTION BY JOHNSON, SECOND BY CHRISTENSEN, TO APPROVE THE NATIONAL WORK ZONE SAFETY WEEK RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED.

Follow through: N/A

B. Resolution to Authorize Broadband Permit Fee Structure

Discussion: Continuation of conversation from 4A. The committee discussed the existing language in the resolution as potentially being convoluted.

Action: MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY JOHNSON, TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION PROVIDED IN THE PACKET. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY DICKINSON, TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION LANGUAGE TO: FOR UTILITY PROVIDERS SEEKING TO LAY OR BURY FIBER FOR BROADBAND SERVICES WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY OF A COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAY, THE MARATHON COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE PAYMENT OF A \$175 PERMIT FEE. THIS \$175 PERMIT FEE SHALL BE PAID BY THE UTILITY PROVIDER FOR EACH TOWNSHIP WITHIN WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL BROADBAND-RELATED FIBER PROJECT REQUIRES A UTILITY ACCOMMODATION WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY OF A COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAY. THE \$175 PERMIT FEE SHALL APPLY FOR ALL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT INSPECTION TIME REQUIRED WITHIN THAT PARTICULAR TOWNSHIP UP TO ONE (1) HOUR OF INSPECTION TIME. IF AN INDIVIDUAL BROADBAND-RELATED FIBER PROJECT REQUIRES MORE THAN ONE (1) HOUR OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT INSPECTION TIME WITHIN A PARTICULAR TOWNSHIP, **THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SHALL TRACK AND CHARGE TO THE UTILITY PROVIDER THE ACTUAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ALL INSPECTION TIME OVER ONE HOUR, UNLESS REIMBURSEMENT FOR SAID INSPECTION COSTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUNDS. MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion:

A. 2022 Asphalt and Pulverizing Bid Opening Results

Discussion: Lang advised the committee of the 2022 asphalt bid results and briefly touched on the price increases.

B. Update from Highway Commissioner

Discussion: Griesbach provided the committee with an update of WCHA contract employees and future endeavors. He also stated that he hoped to have the proposal for the 28th Ave corridor within the next 10 days back from Becher Hoppe.

C. Update from CCIT Director

Discussion: Report provided. Klein briefly touched on the multi-authentication project wrap-up.

7. Announcements:

**A. Future meetings and location, agenda topics
April 7, 9:00 AM, Marathon County Courthouse**

8. Adjourn

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY CHRISTENSEN, SECOND BY CIHLAR. MOTION CARRIED.
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:05 AM.**

Minutes prepared

By Kendra Pergolski on March 4, 2022