



MARATHON COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 4, 2021, 10:00 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, Judy Pagryzinski, Michael Puerner, Jamie Polley, Kevin Clint, Andrew Lynch, Lance Leonhard

- 1. Call Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Fifrick at 10:00 a.m.
- 2. Public Comment:** Judy Pagryzinski of Ringle, representing Rural Riders, stated her support of opening the county roads for ATV/UTV use. Kevin Clint of Stratford expressed support of opening county roads to ATV/UTV use as well as extended hours citing the potential economic impact it may bring to Marathon County.
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the October 13, 2021, Infrastructure Committee Meetings**
MOTION BY CHRISTENSEN, SECOND BY DICKINSON, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2021, INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.
- 4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination:**

A. Section 7.125 ATV/UTV Ordinance

Discussion: Dickinson recapped the conversation which took place at the Public Safety meeting. The Public Safety committee did not create their own ordinance but did offer suggestions. Said suggestions were based on these elements: speed limit, trails vs roads, impact of ATV/UTV's on economy, safety, hours of operation, resources of the Sheriff's department, truckers, average daily traffic.

Action: MOTION BY CHRISTENSEN, SECOND BY DICKINSON, TO APPROVE THE ORDINANCE AS DRAFTED AND MOVE TO COUNTY BOARD. FOR MOTION: JOHNSON, CIHLAR, DICKINSON, CHRISTENSEN, GUMZ. OPPOSED: ROBINSON, FIFRICK. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY CHRISTENSEN, SECOND BY CIHLAR, TO ADD A PROVISION UNDER SECTION 4(a) THAT STATES THAT IF A MUNICIPALITY HAS THEIR ROADS CLOSED, THE COUNTY SEGMENTS WOULD ALSO BE CLOSED. FOR MOTION: FIFRICK, CIHLAR, ROBINSON. OPPOSED: DICKINSON, GUMZ, JOHNSON, CHRISTENSEN. MOTION FAILED.

MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY FIFRICK, INSERTING LANGUAGE TO SECTION 4(b) SO THAT THE ORDINANCE WOULD READ "UPON ENACTMENT OR DURING THE BIENNIAL REVIEW OF COUNTY HIGHWAYS IN (a) ABOVE, THE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT PUBLIC SAFETY NECESSITATES THAT A HIGHWAY SEGMENT BE OPENED OR CLOSED TO THE ATV/UTV TRAFFIC, THE COMMISSIONER MAY OPEN OR CLOSE THAT HIGHWAY SEGMENT TO ATV/UTV TRAFFIC IN HIS OR HER DISCRETION." FOR MOTION: ROBINSON, FIFRICK OPPOSED: JOHNSON, CIHLAR, DICKINSON, CHRISTENSEN, GUMZ. MOTION FAILED.

MOTION BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY CHRISTENSEN, THAT IN THE EVENT THAT WISCONSIN PASSES LEGISLATION LIMITING THE ATV/UTV SPEED LIMIT TO 35 MPH, THAT MARATHON COUNTY WILL ALSO ESTABLISH A SPEED LIMIT OF 35 MPH. FOR MOTION: ROBINSON OPPOSED: JOHNSON, CIHLAR, DICKINSON, CHRISTENSEN, FIFRICK, GUMZ. MOTION FAILED.

Follow through: N/A

B. Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation Routine Maintenance Agreement

Discussion: Commissioner Griesbach reviewed with the committee the routine maintenance agreement, specifically the 2022 budgets.

Action: N/A

Follow through: N/A

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

6. Educational Presentations and Committee Discussion:

A. North Central Region Planning 30 year Plan

Discussion: Landeau reviewed with the committee the work currently being done on the highway report analysis including: land use, population, traffic volumes, model projections. The committee discussed the ability to create a longer term plan so they may be able to plan on how to commit resources, plan for extended life cycles of roads, fiscal impacts and maximize transportation aids. Landeau advised that a draft is expected mid-December.

B. 2018 – 2022 Strategic Plan

Discussion: Committee reviewed the achievements and future plans of the committee relative to the Strategic Plan. Robinson zoned in on the broadband efforts and accomplishments. Griesbach reviewed the Pacer goals and relative accomplishments achieving said goal. Committee discussed future plans and created a narrative of expectations.

C. Updates from Commissioner

Discussion: Report provided.

D. Updates from CCIT Director

Discussion: Report provided. Leonhard noted the efforts being put forth on new systems being implemented: Office 365, WorkDay, Teller.

7. Announcements:

A. Future meetings and location, agenda topics
December 2, 9:00 AM, Marathon County Courthouse

8. Adjourn

**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY ROBINSON, SECOND BY CHRISTENSEN. MOTION CARRIED.
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:54 AM.**

Minutes prepared

By Kendra Pergolski on November 8, 2021.