

**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
OF THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD**

**Tuesday, May 2, 2017  
5:30 p.m.  
404 Elm Street**

A. Call to Order – CHAIRMAN KELLEY CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:30 P.M.

B. Rollcall –

Present: Dave Kelley, Burt Gerl, Dave Tassoni, David Boomer, Jim Webster

Also: Joseph Vanderwerff Sr., County Engineer  
Wayne Vlk, Assistant County Engineer  
John Giliberti, Assistant State’s Attorney  
Ann Johns, Director of Purchasing  
Chairman Haney

C. Approval of Minutes - MR. KELLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 4, 2017 PWC MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY MR. BOOMER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Closed Meeting –

D. Public Comment – This is the time we invite the public to address the Public Works Committee with issues and concerns. We ask you to limit your comments to three minutes. Personal attacks or inappropriate language of any sort will not be tolerated. We will allow a maximum of five speakers on a first come basis with sign up at the meeting. An individual may speak a maximum of three times per calendar year on the same topic. After acknowledgement by the chair, please stand and state your name. Thank you.

E. Legislation

Old Legislation –

New Legislation –

- i. (17-021) MR. KELLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE an award of bid for highway mowing and vegetation control. Mr. Vanderwerff informed the PWC that this is a contract for mowing and weed spraying within the County. Discussion followed by the PWC. SECONDED BY MR. TASSONI. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT.

Cost: See Bid Tab

C.B. District: County Wide

F. Other Matters –

Budget Amendment –

Change Order(s) for Information Only

## G. Reports

### a. County Engineer Vanderwerff –

- i. Staffing Changes – Mr. Vanderwerff updated the PWC we are moving forward with our staff changes as outlined.
- ii. Privatizing Mowing – Mr. Vanderwerff informed the PWC that we are preparing the specifications to go out to bid on private mowing contractors. The Highway Department will do the first mow of the season and the contractor would mow the second and third time.
- iii. Used Chip Spreader – Mr. Vanderwerff informed the PWC that the Highway Department is in need of a chip spreader. Our existing chip spreader is approximately thirty years old and we have found that replacement parts are no longer available. We are looking at substituting the purchase of a used chip spreader for another budget item. Discussion followed by the PWC.
- iv. Perryville Left Turn Lane – Mr. Vanderwerff informed the PWC that we are preparing to begin the left turn lane project on Perryville Road for the entrance for Rockford School District 205 in June. Due to safety concerns we will be closing Perryville Road.
- v. Midway Village Bike Path – Mr. Vanderwerff updated the PWC that due to the wet conditions we are planning on starting this project in July or early August.
- vi. Fuller Creek Sanitary Sewer – Mr. Vanderwerff informed the PWC that William Charles, the contractor doing the Fuller Creek Sanitary Sewer project is requesting that the Highway Department allow the closure of Cunningham Road while the work is completed for safety reasons. This project is estimated to take three months for completion. William Charles offered in turn to resurface the approximate three-quarter to one mile of road including striping etc. with the agreement of complete closure of the road.
- vii. Discussion / Tuesday, July 4, 2017 PWC Meeting – Mr. Vanderwerff informed the PWC that July 4, 2017 which would be the regularly scheduled PWC Meeting is on a Tuesday evening. The PWC agreed to assess the need for/timing of the meeting based on needs as time progresses.

### b. Assistant County Engineer Vlk –

- i. Various Sign Upgrades - Mr. Vlk informed the PWC that IDOT had received good bids for this project but found that the initial estimate was low. IDOT approved additional HSIP funding for the project.
- ii. Capital Improvements Program (CIP) – Mr. Vlk informed the PWC that the CIP is essentially complete but due to the possibility of Federal Stimulus money we are making adjustments to it. We will send it out when the planning is finalized.

iii. Columbine Project Update – Mr. Vlk reminded the PWC that this project has been previously suspended twice. We have two contractors that have not received payment from the IDNR (due to processing issues on their part) since December of 2016, one in the amount of \$6,400.00 and the other in the amount of \$24,000.00. We are confident that the IDNR will compensate the contractors but are seeking the PWC’s approval to pay the local vendors in advance of receiving the funds from IDNR. The PWC directed that payments could be made if they were requested, and that we should make it known to the vendors that the County was picking up the payment for the IDNR.

c. PWC Chairman’s Report –

H. Adjourn/Recess – CHAIRMAN KELLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN. SECONDED BY MR. BOOMER. MOTION APPROVED BY ALL PRESENT. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Tracy Robinson, Administrative Assistant