

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
April 6, 2022, 9:30 a.m., Board Room, Second Floor, Government Center
1316 North 14th Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Baker.

ROLL CALL: Present –Nick Baker, Sam Pomush, Jim Borgeson (remote), Mark Liebaert (made quorum). Absent – Pat Ryan, Scott Luostari. Others present – Craig Plummer, Jeremy Johnson, Paul Hudacek, Dan Doolittle, Brian Witt, Alan Jaques, Michelle Saari (remote), Garrett Little (remote), Dean Magariner (remote), Pretty Flower (remote), Glen Waisanen (remote), Cody Hughes (remote), Ryan Haworth (remote), Jt Vendela (remote), Jarrid Cheselski (remote), Cody Peterson (remote), Jonathon Brostowitz (remote), Michael Lagerquist, Marshall Kroma (remote), Jon Small (remote), Shelley Nelson (remote), Alex Rowe (remote), Craig Tyson, Ann Doucette, Linda Corbin, Candy Holm-Anderson, Valerie Chamings, Jason Jackman, Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Pomush, second Liebaert, to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS: Approval of 2021 year-end carryovers. Reviewed – total is \$3,177,496.02.

ACTION (REFERRAL/RESOLUTION): Motion by Pomush, second Liebaert, to approve 2021 year-end carryovers as presented, and refer to Administration Committee and County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL/REPORTS:

Highway Employee Letter: Reviewed – copies of letter from Alan Jaques, County Board Supervisor, response from County Administrator, Ann Doucette, and list of Douglas County Highway Department training items distributed, Market wage study results to be completed in the next several months and presented to Executive Committee providing various options. Doucette also provided background on levy impact to salary increases. Recruiting efforts for new employees have been increased. Several Highway Department employees, Dan Doolittle, and Paul Hudacek, discussed how staffing shortages impact increased work duties on remaining long-term employees and the rising number of employees leaving in recent years. Communication between employees and management is key for moving forward in a positive way.

Projects: Jackman distributed work list. Awaiting Bipartison Infrastructure Law funding for CTH-G project, which likely to be completed in 2023; CTH-FF pulverize and pave project on hold for now; WI Emergency Management, Chase O'Brien, for Nemadji Bridge approach CTH-W project through FEMA, will be working with Jackman and Chamings on application for FEMA grant funding.

Administrative: Jackman reported waiting for survey work prior to timber sale near highway facility; down two maintenance operator/plow drivers; one managerial position open; June

meeting annual review of ATV/UTV trail usage. Jeremy Johnson, New Highway Technician introduced.

Maintenance: Plummer reported crews out again snowplowing today; patching ongoing; a few state projects in progress.

Equipment: Tyson reported two new trucks came in from last year; winter maintenance and summer servicing of equipment in progress.

Budget: Chammings reviewed the final budget for the time ending December 31, 2021.

Future Agenda Items: Capital projects.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Pomush, second Liebaert, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk