

# Richland County Public Works Standing Committee

December 5, 2024

The Richland County Public Works Standing Committee convened on Thursday, December 5, 2024 in person and virtually at 4:00 PM in the County Boardroom of the Richland County Courthouse.

**Call To Order:** Committee Vice-Chair Cosgrove called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.

**Roll Call:** Deputy Clerk Hege conducted roll call. Committee member(s) present: Gary Manning, Chad Cosgrove, Steve Williamson, Marc Couey via telephone, and County Board Chair Dave Turk via WebEx. Committee members not present: Steve Carrow and Daniel McGuire.

**Verification of Open Meetings Law Compliance:** Deputy Clerk Hege confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed.

**Approval Of Agenda:** Motion by Williamson, second by Manning to approve agenda. Motion carried and agenda declared approved.

**Approval Of Minutes From October 3, 2024 Meeting:** Vice-Chair Cosgrove asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the October 3, 2024 meeting. Hearing none, Vice-Chair Cosgrove declared the minutes approved as published.

**Public Comment:** None.

## **Reports:**

**A. Property Management Report: Departmental Activities:** County Maintenance Manager, Randall Nelson, presented his report to the committee. Departmental activities included: the boilers at the Courthouse shut down in the previous week, but were both back up and running, the Library and one of the classroom buildings at the former UW-Richland campus are in the process being shut down, but it is being held up by an issue with the water valves where the campus pipes connect to the city pipes. Brief discussion on the billing process for gas service at the former campus. Administrator Pesch and Mr. Nelson are working to get the billing process sorted out. Brief discussion on the age of the boilers at the Courthouse and the significant cost of replacement ensued.

**B. Highway Commissioner Administrative Report: Departmental Activities & Review Of Monthly Bills:** County Highway Commissioner, Joshua Elder presented his report to the committee. Commissioner Elder reported that the highway department are readying the plow trucks for the snowy season, the County Rd O project is nearly ready to start, gave a brief update on the bridge project at the former UW-Richland Campus, and reported that at another project the snowmobile bridge was set to be installed within the next week. Commissioner Elder presented the Highway Department's bills to the committee. Brief discussion ensued.

**Discussion & Possible Action: Replacement Loader Rental:** Commissioner Elder gave explanation for the need to look for a replacement loader for the Highway Department due to a fire that completely destroyed the previous loader and the difficulty finding a loader to purchase with the amount of insurance money received. Brief discussion ensued. Motion by Manning, second by Williamson to

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approve Commissioner Elder to pursue the rental of a replacement loader. Motion carried and Commissioner Elder was approved to seek the rental of a replacement loader.

**Future Agenda Items:** None.

Brief discussion on upcoming County Highway projects ensued.

**Correspondence:** None

**Adjourn:** Committee Vice-Chair Cosgrove entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Manning, second by Williamson to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.



Myranda H. Hege  
Deputy County Clerk