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	Highway Funding Solutions Committee **Monday June 8, 2020 – 6:00 pm** **Conference Call 1.312.626.6799** **Zoom Meeting ID: 825 0006 0077** https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82500060077 **Health & Human Services Center – Community Room** **303 W. Chapel Street** **Dodgeville, Wisconsin**	**Iowa County Wisconsin**

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1	Call to order by Highway Commissioner.
2	Roll Call. (Committee & Audience)
3	Election of committee officers: A. Election of Chair of Funding Solutions Committee per County Board Rules. Committee shall elect and notify the County Board Chair. Elected Chair will preside over the rest of the meeting. B. Election of Vice Chair of Funding Solutions Committee per County Board Rules. Committee shall elect and notify the County Board Chair. C. Election of a Secretary for the Funding Solutions Committee.
4	Approve this meeting agenda for June 8, 2020.
5	Approve the minutes of February 10, 2020 meeting.
6	Review of Draft Resolution regarding a Referendum Question for the November Election to Increase the County Levy for Highway Maintenance and the Election Timeframe.
7	Discussion of Funding, Borrowing Percentages of Levy and Borrow Amounts, and review of County Debt Service.
8	Draft Resolution on Funding the Reconstruction of CTH F.
9	Education and Outreach Plan Development.
10	Adjournment, set date and time for next meeting.

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	UNAPPROVED MINUTES **Highway Funding Solutions Committee** **Monday, February 10, 2020 – 5:30 pm** **Health & Human Services Center – Community Room** **303 W. Chapel Street** **Dodgeville, Wisconsin**	**Iowa County Wisconsin**

1	The meeting was called to order by Chair Peterson at 5:31 P.M.
2	- Roll Call. Members present: Supervisors Meyers, Nankee, Peterson, and Gollon. Ray arrived during public comments at 5:34 P.M. - Others Present: Larry Bierke, Craig Hardy, Supervisor Deal, Haag, and Meek.
3	Agenda & Minutes: Nankee moved, Gollon seconded to approve the 02/10/20 Agenda and 01/20/20 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.
4	Public Comments: Nankee commented he had contacted Sen. Marklein and had a discussion about a $0.10 gas tax for roads. And, stated he had not thought of doing the 0.5% sales tax which might be a better option as it would remain local versus going to the state fund. Meyers commented he reviewed the amount of vehicle registration fees taken in by the county, and estimates between it and existing gas tax to be about $5.9M. Questions if the County is getting its' share of funds back? Aids would come in Local Road Improvement Programs, Surface Transportation Program Bridge and Rural, General Transportation Aids, and other mechanisms.to all entities, plus state highway maintenance and improvements.
5	Review Resolution on Referendum Question for the November ballot. Suggestions from the committee on some edits to the Draft Referendum question Resolution document in the following areas: 1st whereas remove the reference to state mileage. 2nd whereas replace the word local with county. 3rd whereas remove completely and replace with a reference to General Transportation Aids. 5th whereas insert "safer and" between the words "like" and "better". 7th whereas remove the words "would like" and replace with "needs" Committee discussed other aspects of the resolution including revisions to the other "Whereas" and the "Now Therefore.." portions. Bierke advised the referendum question could not be completely filled in with amounts until August of 2020 when the information is provided by the Department of Revenue (DOR). Some discussion of when to move the resolution to the Board before or after the actual numbers come in. Also, some discussion of timing for passage of the resolution to make the November election ballot boxes. Motion by Ray, seconded by Gollon to move the Resolution to the County Board for further discussion, including the aforementioned edits and a cover page summary sheet explaining when the actual numbers will be available. Some discussion of the spring election and potential for County Board seat changes. Motion approved unanimously.
6	Education and Outreach. Committee discussed a plan for education and outreach to the general public regarding the referendum question for the November ballots, presuming the resolution is approved by the Board. Committee decided the outreach would be best to start in August consisting of data related to maintenance and improvement backlogs. Discussed opportunities with town board meetings,

	community groups such as Kiwanis or the Chamber of Commerce, Annual localized events such as farmer's Day and the Fair, mass mailers / flyers, media outreach with a video, newspaper stuffers, bulk rate mailings, and social media outreach / presence. Discussion of creating a four page flyer with pictures of road conditions, a summary of needs, and some data charts related to funding versus expenses.
7	Set date and Time for Next Meeting. Discussion by the Committee regarding the next meeting date and time. After some discussion, committee decided the next meeting would be held on Monday June 8, 2020 at 6 PM.
8	Gollon moved, Ray seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried at 6:48 PM.
Minutes by Craig Hardy	

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Title: County Highway Maintenance Resolution (●) Original ( ) Update

TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEAD

DESCRIPTION OF AGENDA ITEM (Please provide detailed information, including deadline):

The Highway Funding Solutions Committee has decided that it is best to start with addressing the Highway Departments efforts to maintain County Highways and the existing underfunding of the maintenance budget. The attached resolution establishes the County Boards desire to go to referendum on November 3rd to seek voter support to fund our road maintenance budget with an additional one million dollars. This would improve our maintenance budget and allow Iowa County to keep our existing roads better maintained to last longer. This would not address any highway reconstruction needs, as it is anticipated that Iowa County will need to borrow funds to support reconstruction efforts.

You will note several blanks on the resolution under #3 toward the bottom of the document. The question that goes on the ballot is written out in this section. This question must be worded this way and the state provides the information to be added to the blank spaces on August 15th, 2020. Iowa County Board of Supervisors have a meeting on August 18, 2020. The County Clerk must have the referendum question by August 25th , 2020 in order to get the question onto the November 3, 2020 presidential election ballot. If you choose to delay your decision, the August 18th County Board meeting is your last chance to establish a referendum question for the November 3rd, 2020 election.

The Highway Funding Solutions Committee asked staff to use the average of the last three years determine what numbers could look like when inserted into the question. Here goes:

Under state law, the increase in the levy of the County of Iowa for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2021, is limited to 1.68%, which results in a levy of $10,405,544.72. Shall the County of Iowa be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2021, and on an ongoing basis, for County Highway Improvements and Maintenance, by a total of 11.78%, which results in a levy of $11,577,351.44?

RECOMMENDATIONS (IF ANY):

The Highway Funding Solutions Committee is recommending discussion and possible approval of the attached resolution.

ANY ATTACHMENTS? (Only 1 copy is needed) (●) Yes ( ) No If yes, please list below:

The Draft Resolution is attached for your review.

FISCAL IMPACT:

LEGAL REVIEW PERFORMED: ( ) Yes ( ) No **PUBLICATION REQUIRED:** ( ) Yes (●) No

STAFF PRESENTATION?: ( ) Yes (●) No How much time is needed? ____________

COMPLETED BY: Larry Bierke **DEPT:** County Administrator

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED: ◯ Yes ◉ No

TO BE COMPLETED BY COMMITTEE CHAIR

MEETING DATE: **AGENDA ITEM #**

COMMITTEE ACTION:

IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION ________________

A RESOLUTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC REFERENDUM TO INCREASE THE COUNTY LEVY FOR HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

WHEREAS, Iowa County maintains a system of 365 miles of county roads; and

WHEREAS, the costs of road maintenance to the county has increased significantly over the past decade and state and county funding has not; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin provides General Transportation Aids to the County based on a share of maintenance costs, and the amount of those aids have been declining; and

WHEREAS, Iowa County is now unable to keep up with the level of preventative maintenance required by the county highway infrastructure and is currently underfunding maintenance by approximately $1,000,000 per year and falling further behind each year; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa County voting public has made it known that they would like safer and better quality highways; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has enacted a Levy Limit Law preventing the increase of taxes for the purposes of maintaining highway funding without holding a public referendum; and

WHEREAS, Iowa County needs to include additional funding in the County operating budget for the maintenance of county highways and to secure and utilize state and federal grant funding more effectively and efficiently.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board as follows:

1. In accordance with section 66.0602 of Wisconsin State Statutes, the Iowa County Board would like to hold a referendum to increase the funding available to the Highway Department for highway maintenance by one million dollars ($1,000,000).

2. Iowa County shall place a referendum question on the November 3, 2020 ballot.

3. The referendum question shall be as follows:

   Under state law, the increase in the levy of the County of Iowa for the tax to be imposed for the next fiscal year, 2021, is limited to ___%, which results in a levy of $____. Shall the County of Iowa be allowed to exceed this limit and increase the levy for the next fiscal year, 2021, and on an ongoing basis, for County Highway Improvements and Maintenance, by a total of ___%, which results in a levy of $______?

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this ____________ day of _, 2020.

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John M. Meyers, Iowa County Board Chair

ATTEST:

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Greg Klusendorf, County Clerk

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AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Title: DRAFT Resolution on Funding the Reconstruction of CTH F ◯ Original ◉ Update

TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEAD

DESCRIPTION OF AGENDA ITEM (Please provide detailed information, including deadline):

The Highway Commissioner has secured an additional state/federal grant to fund the reconstruction of CTH F between STH 78 and 39. The Long Range Planning and Public Works Committees have been discussing options for funding highway improvements. In the current capital plan; the reconstruction of CTH F is spread out over three years due to fiscal constraints related to Iowa County local cost share amounts. The resolution proposes a form of debt service to perform the project in one season versus over multiple years.

RECOMMENDATIONS (IF ANY):

To review project costs, cost share amounts for the project, and consider a funding solution and project timeframe for administration of and use of the grants.

ANY ATTACHMENTS? (Only 1 copy is needed) ◉ Yes ◯ No If yes, please list below:

DRAFT of Resolution for Borrowing.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Debt Service to be determined

LEGAL REVIEW PERFORMED: ◯ Yes ◉ No **PUBLICATION REQUIRED:** ◯ Yes ◉ No

PRESENTATION?: ◉ Yes ◯ No How much time is needed? 10 Mins

COMPLETED BY: CRH **DEPT:** HWY

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED: ◯ Yes ◯ No

TO BE COMPLETED BY COMMITTEE CHAIR

MEETING DATE: 06-08-2020 **AGENDA ITEM #** 8

COMMITTEE ACTION:

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Resolution No. ______________

RESOLUTION ON FUNDING THE "RECONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY HIGHWAY F"

WHERAS, the Iowa County Board has assigned the responsibility of capital project planning to the Long Range Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Long Range Planning Committee has been working to prioritize capital expenses as part of the 2021 Capital Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Long Range Planning Committee has reviewed the fiscal constraints noted in the draft 2021 Capital Improvement Plan and those said constraints have forced the planned construction of County Highway F to be spaced out over a three year period; and

WHEREAS, the Long Range Planning Committee does not want to ask County citizens to endure road construction on County Highway F for three years in a row; and

WHEREAS, the Long Range Planning Committee has noted the historically low interest rates Iowa County is getting on debt issues; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Highway Commissioner has secured $4.3 million in State grants to support the reconstruction of County Highway F.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Long Range Planning Committee that the Iowa County Board is hereby asked to borrow $3 Million over a five year loan to match state grants in support of reconstructing County Highway F in calendar year 2022.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Long Range Planning Committee recommends that the loan be repaid utilizing the following sources, with any shortfall funded by the Iowa County Debt Levy:

1. 2023 Payment will be taken from the County's General Fund.
2. 2024 Payment will be taken from the Badger Hollow Solar Farm Utility Revenue.
3. 2025 Payment will be taken from the Badger Hollow Solar Farm Utility Revenue.
4. 2026 Payment will be taken from the Badger Hollow Solar Farm Utility Revenue.

Respectfully submitted by the Long Range Planning Committee. Adopted this _____ day of June, 2020.

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CTH F COST ESTIMATE 05-2020

Type	State/County SMA State/Fed	County	All Source Subtotals		5/18/2020 Estimates	Difference	
Design Engineering Consultant	707,200.00	176,800.00	884,000.00		455,295.00	428,705.00	
State Design Review Fees	46,400.00	11,600.00	58,000.00		58,000.00	-	
Design Subtotal	**753,600.00**	188,400.00	942,000.00		513,295.00	**428,705.00**	*CM
	80%	20%					
Construction	3,174,824.00	793,706.00	3,968,530.00		5,284,106.00	(1,315,576.00)	
Non-Part Construction	-	500.00	500.00		-	500.00	
Construction Engineering	317,482.00	79,371.00	396,853.00		792,615.90	(395,762.90)	
State Review	19,520.00	4,880.00	24,400.00				
Const Subtotal	**3,511,826.00**	878,457.00	4,390,283.00		6,076,721.90	(1,686,438.90)	
Total	**4,265,426.00**	1,066,857.00	5,332,283.00		6,590,016.90	(1,257,733.90)	
	80%	20%		**Fed Cap**	**65%**		

			w/ *CM	w/out *CM
Fed/State Cap	**4,265,426.00**	County	2,324,590.90	2,753,295.90

County Construction Current Funding Option				Balance
	County	State/Fed	Total	6,590,016.90
STP	1,066,857.00	4,265,426.00	5,332,283.00	1,257,733.90
2018-19 CHIPD	597000	400000	997000	260,733.90
2020-21 CHIP	828946	148054	977000	Reallocate?
	2,492,803.00	4,813,480.00	7,306,283.00	

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