

Wayne, Nebraska
October 14, 2014

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners met in special session at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, in the north meeting room of the Wayne City Auditorium.

Roll call was answered by Chairman Burbach, Member Larson, and Clerk Finn; Rabe was absent. Also in attendance:

Representing Wayne County: Road/Bridge Project Manager Mark Casey, and Jeff Wagner of Mainelli Wagner & Associates.

Representing the City of Wayne: Mayor Ken Chamberlain; Councilmembers Jill Brodersen, Rod Greve, Nick Muir, and Jennifer Sievers; Nancy Braden, Joel Hansen, Lowell Johnson, and Betty McGuire. Representing the Wayne Airport Authority: Chairman Mitch Nissen and Member Todd Luedtke, Nancy Braden, and Brian Nelson.

Members of the public: Jack Beeson, Carl Johnson & family, Duane and Rod Lutt, Brian Nelson, and Mike Carnes from The Wayne Herald.

Advance notice of this meeting was published in the Wayne Herald, a legal newspaper, on October 2, 2014.

Current copies of the Open Meetings Act were on the tables in the meeting room and accessible to the public.

Motion by Larson, second by Burbach to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Larson-aye, Burbach-aye; motion carried.

This meeting was called to discuss future plans for Bridge C009011620. This bridge, located on 857th Rd between Sections 5 and 8 -T26N-R4E, was damaged in the October 4, 2013 tornado and had been scheduled for replacement by the county. The project was ready to bid when it was discovered that the City of Wayne owned the east half of the bridge. This was a result of their annexing the airport property east of the Logan creek.

The following points were discussed by those in attendance:

1. Continuing with replacement of the bridge - This would improve the traffic flow around the city. The bridge would be built to meet the needs of loaded semi-trucks and wide farm equipment. The estimated cost was \$570,000. The county had the total cost included in their bonded bridge projects, the city did not have anything budgeted for the project.
2. Repairing the bridge - To qualify as a FEMA project the bridge must be returned to pre-tornado condition, including a weight-limit of 22 tons. The projected cost was \$96,891. FEMA would pay 87.5% of actual costs if the project guidelines are followed and no additional improvements were made. Repairing the bridge would allow the road to be traveled by passenger vehicles but would not accommodate loaded semi-trucks and wide farm equipment. The life expectancy of the bridge would depend on the amount and type of traffic.
3. Closure of the bridge and the road - This would continue to be an inconvenience to those living, farming or driving in that area. But, if the airport runway was extended in the future the road and bridge would be closed anyway, it was just a matter of timing.
4. Airport growth - The airport is necessary not only to keep current business, but also to recruit new business. It is anticipated that the north-south runway will need to be lengthened in the next 5-10 years to permit larger and/or heavier planes to take-off. They are fielding more calls regarding storage and buying fuel, especially since the Sioux City airport did not rebuild from the damage incurred in June.
5. The county spent \$28,650 for engineering costs for replacement of the bridge. If the decision is to repair rather than replace the bridge, would the City split the engineering costs already incurred?

At the close of discussion a motion was made by Larson to repair Bridge C009011620 in accordance with the scope of the FEMA project, and for the county and the city split all costs exceeding FEMA's reimbursement. Burbach seconded the motion; there was no further discussion. Roll call vote: Larson-aye, Burbach-aye; motion carried.

Jeff Wagner will draft an interlocal agreement between the county and the city for consideration during their October 21, 2014 meetings.

The meeting was adjourned.

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
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COUNTY OF WAYNE)

I, the undersigned, County Clerk of Wayne County, Nebraska, hereby certify that all of the subjects included in the attached proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting of October 14, 2014, kept continually current and available for the public inspection at the office of the County Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting; that the said minutes of the meeting of the County Commissioners of the County of Wayne were in written form and available for public inspection within 10 working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 17th day of October, 2014.

Debra Finn, Wayne County Clerk