

DODGE COUNTY BUILDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Administration Building Room 1H & 1I 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI 53039

Date: March 4, 2021

Call to order: The meeting of the Dodge County Building Committee was called to order by Chairman **Dennis Schmidt at 5:00 p.m. on March 4, 2021 in Room 1H & 1I of the Dodge County Administration Building** with the following members present: **Dennis Schmidt, Richard Fink, Kevin Burnett, Robert Boelk, Cathy Houchin**

Roll Call and Non-Committee Member County Board Attendance: None

Also present: Phil McAleer, Assistant Director of Physical Facilities; Barb Brooks, Administrative Secretary; Jim Mielke, Dodge County Administrator; Kim Nass, Corporation Counsel; Dave Ehlinger, Director of Finance; Brian Field, Highway Commissioner; Nathan Kempke, Assistant Highway Commissioner

Public Comment None

Approval of the Minutes from February 11, 2021 a motion was made by Kevin Burnett and seconded by Robert Boelk. Motion carried.

Discuss and Take Action on Resolution to Accept Bids for Paving the Dodge County Justice Facility Parking Lot the Resolution was discussed by the Committee. A motion was made by Richard Fink and seconded by Kevin Burnett to send the bids for paving the Dodge County Justice Facility Parking lot Reconstruction Project to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Update: Fire Alarm Panel Installation Dodge County Justice Facility will be replaced next Tuesday or Wednesday.

Summary of Dodge County Justice Facility/Courthouse Fence Project the project is 100% complete, and functional.

Doors at the Dodge County Courthouse some of the doors are warping, so we are looking into pricing to replace them.

Cooler at the Henry Dodge Office Building there is an issue with removal, due to concrete depth, so the removal will most likely not happen.

Update: 2020 Budget an update was giving to the Committee.

Tour Sheriff's Office – Proposed Remodeling – 2022 Project the Committee left the Administration Building at 5:35 p.m. to tour the Dodge County Sheriff Office, located at 124 West Street. After the tour, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Dennis Schmidt at 6:25 p.m.

Future Agenda Items Update on Paving Project, Courthouse doors, Fire Alarm Panel, Update on Budget.

Determine Next Meeting Thursday April 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Houchin, Secretary

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

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3 **Advisory Resolution Supporting House Bill H.R. 6422 Creating A National Infrastructure**
4 **Bank For Critical Infrastructure Projects**
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6 TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF DODGE COUNTY, WISCONSIN,
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8 **WHEREAS**, public infrastructure impacts United States residents throughout their daily
9 life and includes roads, railroads, bridges, water supply and treatment, sewage treatment, dams,
10 storm water collection, and public parks; and,
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12 **WHEREAS**, our nation's spending on infrastructure has fallen to its lowest level in 70
13 years, down to 2.5% of our nation's GDP, which is half the comparable level in Europe and one-
14 third the level in China; and,
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16 **WHEREAS**, infrastructure development needs careful planning and a reliable source of
17 long-term funding in order for it to succeed; and,
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19 **WHEREAS**, The American Society of Civil Engineers estimates in its 2017 report that
20 \$4.6 trillion is needed just to repair the nation's existing infrastructure; and,
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22 **WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic has created a recession leading to more budget
23 shortfalls, making it unlikely that adequate infrastructure financing will come from the federal
24 budget; and,
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26 **WHEREAS**, expanded investment is needed in new manufacturing centers, affordable
27 housing, broadband access, science and technology drivers, to accommodate population growth
28 and migration, and for other improvements in urban, and low-income areas that the private sector
29 does not currently serve; and,
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31 **WHEREAS**, the creation of national banks have resulted in the availability of funds for
32 critical infrastructure projects, and led to increased productivity, economic and job growth in at
33 various points in our nation's history; and,
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35 **WHEREAS**, legislation has been introduced into the United States Congress to create a
36 \$4 trillion National Infrastructure Bank through House Bill H.R. 6422 introduced by
37 Representative Danny Davis (D-IL) on March 31, 2020; and,
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39 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of a National Infrastructure Bank shall be to facilitate efficient,
40 long-term financing of infrastructure projects, business and economic growth, and new job
41 creation in the United States; and,
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43 **WHEREAS**, the establishment of a United States public deposit money bank would
44 provide direct loans and other financing of up to \$4 trillion for qualifying infrastructure projects.
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46 **WHEREAS**, infrastructure funding would return the United States to its most recent
47 "golden age" when a National Infrastructure Bank was in place (1933-1957), during which time
48 total factor productivity advanced by 3.5 percent per year, the economy grew by 5.5 percent per

1 year, income inequality fell by one-third, and Federal and State tax receipts rose dramatically:
2 and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, it is proposed that a new National Infrastructure Bank, through its branch
5 offices, will facilitate the organization of at least 7 Regional Economic Accelerator Planning
6 Groups, to be defined by common economic, demographic, and infrastructure linkages; and,
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8 **WHEREAS**, a new National Infrastructure Bank can be financed the same way as
9 previous national infrastructure banks, by monetizing existing Treasury debt rather than creating
10 new debt, and except for a small appropriation from Congress to get started, it will pay for itself;
11 and,
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13 **WHEREAS**, it is expected that borrowers from the National Infrastructure Bank will be
14 state and local governments and will not allow privatization of public infrastructure, beyond
15 what has already taken place, and infrastructure projects will be vetted according to their cost-
16 benefit analysis and criteria set out in the draft bill; and,
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18 **WHEREAS**, for every \$1 spent on a public infrastructure project, \$3-7 is returned back
19 to the economy and the National Infrastructure Bank will create 25 million new jobs for United
20 States citizens; and,
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22 **WHEREAS**, the National Infrastructure Bank could be positioned to play a significant
23 role in fighting the economic effects of the current COVID-19 recession, with currently 22
24 million people unemployed, by creating well-paying which will bolster economic recovery; and,
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26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dodge County Board of
27 Supervisors does hereby urge the United States Congress to create a new National Infrastructure
28 Bank by passing House Bill H.R. 6422; and,
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30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Dodge County Clerk is directed to send a copy
31 of this resolution to all the U.S. Senators and Representatives serving Dodge County and the
32 National Association of Counties (NaCo).
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34 All of which is respectfully submitted this 20th day of April, 2021.

Dodge County Building Committee:

Dennis Schmidt

Richard Fink

Robert Boelk

Cathy Houchin

Kevin Burnett

FISCAL NOTE:

Vote Required: Majority of Members present.

Resolution Summary: Advisory resolution supporting House Bill HR 6422-National Infrastructure Bank.

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