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Public Works Committee – Highway Minutes
Tuesday, November 27, 2018 – 8:00 a.m.
Public Works Department- Committee Room
3715 Newville Road
Janesville, WI 53545

Call to Order. Chair Bussie called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present. Supervisors Bussie, Fox, Richard, and Zajac.

Committee Members Absent. Supervisor Driscoll.

Staff Members:

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| Nick Elmer | Assistant Director of Public Works |
| Amy Friend | Secretary II |
| Richard Greenlee | Corporation Counsel |
| Duane Jorgenson | Director of Public Works |
| Mike Turk | DPW Shop Superintendent |

Others Present:

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| Jess Ditzenberger | Concerned Citizen |
| John Hillmann | Concerned Citizen |
| Mary Mawhinney | Vice Chair County Board of Supervisors |
| Joan Shadel | Concerned Citizen |
| Jeff Shadel | Concerned Citizen |

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Fox and Richard moved today's agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of October 23, 2018 and November 7, 2018. Supervisors Zajac and Richard moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Chair Bussie thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated that any citizens can talk now or be recognized at the time the item they want to discuss is on the Agenda.

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Mr. Hillman asked several questions to Mr. Jorgenson about the Relocation Order Plan for CTH A. He stated he was concerned the County was short cutting the process. Mr. Jorgenson stated he was following the State Statues and past practice for the acquisition of real estate. Chair Bussie stated if he had specific questions that could be added to a future agenda and Mr. Jorgenson would provide the answers.

Mr. Jorgenson informed the Committee that a Public Involvement Meeting to discuss the Highway 14 rehabilitation project between Evansville and Janesville will be held on Wednesday, December 5th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Center Township Town Hall.

Mr. Jorgenson reported that he had received confirmation from the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation that they are unable to fund our Project on CTH F (W High Street to S limits Edgerton) & (USH 14 to N. Main Street) in this cycle. He stated he will reapply for funding for the north leg of the project and deal with south leg later.

Mr. Jorgenson stated the new sign truck arrived yesterday and it is available to view in the shop.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Resolution – Recognizing Michael Turk. Supervisors Zajac and Richard moved the Resolution Recognizing Michael Turk. The Committee congratulated Mr. Turk on his retirement. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Update CTH A Project Real Estate Acquisition. Supervisors Fox and Richard moved the discussion. Mr. Jorgenson stated this item is on the Agenda as a follow-up item that was discussed at the September Committee Meeting. He stated he had received a letter from the Shadel's that was included in the packet and one from Eldonon Farms yesterday. He provided the Committee with the letter from Eldonon Farms (attached). He stated Mr. Scott Johnson had sent the letter for Eldonon Farms and was not able to attend today's meeting. Discussion took place on the process and the need on CTH A for real estate acquisition. Discussion took place on previous practice for Rock County's real estate acquisition. Discussion took place on the value of the right of way and land. Mr. Shadel and Mrs. Shadel spoke against the real estate acquisition process and felt they were not being compensated for the taking of their land. Mr. Jorgenson stated he understands the concerns but he is following the County's past practice and feels this is the best course of action. Mr. Hillman asked if the project was federally funded. Mr. Jorgenson stated this is not a federal aid project.

After much discussion, Mr. Greenlee stated the Committee can do nothing and Mr. Jorgenson will continue on with the project and original Relocation Order or the Committee can take action and direct Mr. Jorgenson to make changes and amend the current Relocation order. Discussion took place on the project being pushed back if this issue is not resolved. The Committee requested Mr. Jorgenson to provide historical instances, what procedures other Counties' follow, and statues and guidelines that are being followed for real estate acquisition

at the next meeting. Supervisor Richard motioned to table the property acquisition of CTH A until the next meeting. Supervisor Fox seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Orfordville Lease Agreement. Supervisors Richard and Zajac moved the approval of the Orfordville Lease Agreement. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA) with the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Supervisors Richard and Zajac moved the approval of Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA) with the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation. MOTION CARRIED.

Update and Discussion – DPW Project Status. Mr. Elmer proved the Committee with the updated DPW Project Status (attached) and reviewed the report with the Committee.

Review of Payments. Review was completed.

Next Meeting Date. The next Highway meeting will be Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

Adjournment. Supervisors Zajac and Fox moved to adjourn at 9:19 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Friend
Secretary II