



ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Highways & Parks

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Public Works Committee Meeting – Highway Minutes
Tuesday, November 26, 2019, 2019 – 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, Zajac and Mawhinney.

Committee Members Absent. Supervisor Richard.

Staff Members:

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| Duane Jorgenson | Director of Public Works |
| Nick Elmer | Assistant Public Works Director |
| Amy Hartley | Secretary II |
| Neil Pierce | Shop Superintendent |

Others Present: Jonathan Benish Rock County Citizen

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

Approval of Minutes from October 22, 2019. Supervisors Zajac and Fox moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Mr. Jorgenson requested and Committee approved to move Agenda item 5(m) to 5(a).

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Discussion & Possible Action – Issue Paper – Benish Driveway Permit. Supervisor Fox and Chair Bussie moved to continue this matter to the December 10, 2019 Parks and Highway Committee meeting. Mr. Jorgenson reviewed DPW driveway policy and the information contained in the attached Issue Paper. Members reviewed the map as Mr. Jorgenson explained the request and denial per policy. Mr. Benish discussed his request and intentions. Mr. Benish is in the process of purchasing the land (25.9 acres in the City of Janesville). Mr. Benish's initial use for the land

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is recreation with the intention to build a home in 5-6 years. County Highway D currently has ten access points on the west side of the highway within .65 miles of the proposed driveway access point. An easement already located on the adjacent property to the north is intended for farm equipment use to access the farmland directly behind Mr. Benish's property. This easement goes through the neighbor's yard and is not practical for everyday use. Prior to this meeting, Mr. Benish spoke to Mr. Wheeler of Rock County Planning, and the item is listed on the agenda for the Planning Committee meeting December 12, 2019. If Mr. Benish is denied at this level, he may choose to pursue further by filing an appeal for variance to the ordinance with the Board of Adjustment. However, prior to this process, Mr. Jorgenson will meet with the Rock County Planning Department and surveyor to fully review policy and procedure pertaining to the legal description of the property and easement. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution – Recognizing Allen Long. Supervisors Mawhinney and Zajac moved the Resolution. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution – Recognizing Ray Legris. Supervisors Fox and Mawhinney moved the Resolution. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion & Possible Action – Bridge Aid. Supervisors Zajac and Mawhinney moved the Bridge Aid. Mr. Jorgenson reviewed the information contained in the attachment and stated funds are available under bridge aid. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion & Possible Action – Issue Paper – Purchase of One (1) Drum Mulcher/Cutting Head. Supervisors Fox and Zajac moved the Issue Paper. Mr. Jorgenson confirmed this is the skid loader's secondary attachment. The equipment cleans, mulches and will aid in projects for the Parks Department as well when needed. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion & Possible Action – Issue Paper – Purchase of One (1) 3.5 Yard Wheel Loader. Supervisors Zajac and Mawhinney moved the Issue Paper. This equipment is for the replacement of equipment used for loading salt, construction, maintenance and secondary snow removal on the interstate. Supervisor Zajac questioned if the contract is different from state contract requirements and Mr. Jorgenson stated he would review and contact Supervisor Zajac directly with the results. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion & Possible Action – Issue Paper – Purchase of One (1) Single Axle Truck Chassis. Supervisors Fox and Mawhinney moved the Issue Paper. Purchase is for a chassis only. The outfitting for the body is expected at a later date. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion & Possible Action – Issue Paper – Purchase of Four (4) Mowing Tractors. Supervisors Fox and Zajac moved the Issue Paper. Currently, DPW is leasing mowing tractors and experienced challenges in fulfilling the lease agreement of 300 hours of use per tractor.

Supervisor Fox questioned if these tractors replace priors and Mr. Jorgenson confirmed. Mr. Jorgenson also confirmed prior tractors will be salvaged. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion & Possible Action – Issue Paper – Purchase of One (1) Track Type Skid Loader.
Supervisors Fox and Mawhinney moved the Issue Paper. Mr. Jorgenson reported the tracks on this equipment are holding up well. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion & Possible Action – Issue Paper – Purchase of One (1) Quad Axle Truck Chassis.
Supervisors Mawhinney and Fox moved the Issue Paper. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion & Possible Action – Issue Paper – Purchase of One (1) Portable LED Message Board.
Supervisors Fox and Mawhinney moved the Issue Paper. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion & Possible Action – Issue Paper – Purchase of One (1) Rollback Trailer. Supervisors Mawhinney and Fox moved the Issue Paper. Mr. Jorgenson reported, of those owned, three are currently out of service. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion & Possible Action – Issue Paper – Purchase of One (1) CP56B Roller. Supervisors Bussie and Fox moved the Issue Paper. MOTION CARRIED.

Update & Discussion – Project Updates. Mr. Elmer reported overall, projects are nearly 100% complete. The state has agreed to move the remainder of the projects to next year. Mr. Elmer reported most county projects are completed. The remainder of work needed for County Highway A will be completed in 2020. Inclement weather caused delays as equipment changeover for snow removal was needed. Supervisor Fox questioned if street sweeper services are available with the installation of new curbs. Mr. Jorgenson will review and update Mr. Fox with information when obtained. Mr. Elmer reported Town projects are nearly done, with paving to be finished in spring 2020.

Chair Bussie suggested meeting with the contracted towns next year for general discussion. Mr. Jorgenson stated he is expecting to meet with the towns in January/February 2020. Supervisor Mawhinney stated the towns may appreciate some County input on various topics.

Update & Discussion – I-90 Updates. Mr. Elmer reported that there are two lanes north and south from Newville to Janesville with no crossover; Highway 26 and 14 allows for traffic on southbound side only through fall/winter 2020; South of Highway 14 to I-43 – two lanes north and south, with no crossover, are expected to be completed shortly. On the I-43 interchange, two lanes are open in each direction with a median. Completion is expected in fall 2020. On the northbound side only, DPW is expecting to be handling additional winter maintenance on new lane configurations next winter 2020.

Update & Discussion – Rolling Hills Update. Mr. Jorgenson reported that he had a follow up meeting with the Rolling Hills residents and has reviewed well data with the Public Health Department. The Health Department confirmed a well should not be drilled in this area to alleviate the flooding issues. Contamination was a concern as well. Mr. Jorgenson reported that he intends to have a meeting with County personnel to further discuss the situation.

Review of Payments. Nothing further discussed.

Next Meeting Date. The next Highway meeting will be combined with the Parks meeting Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

Adjournment. Supervisor Fox and Mawhinney moved to adjourn at 8:51 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy J. Hartley, Secretary II