

Public Works Committee Minutes
Monday, March 28, 2016 – 8:00 a.m.
Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport
Terminal Building - Voyager Room
1716 West Airport Road - Janesville WI 53546

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, Driscoll, Fox and Richard

Committee Members Absent. Supervisor Arnold

Staff Members:	Ron Burdick	Airport Director
	Ben Coopman	Public Works Director
	Deb Lawton	Secretary II
	Nick Osborne	Assistant to the County Administrator
	Josh Smith	County Administrator
	Randy Terronez	Assistant to the County Administrator
	Mike Turk	Shop Superintendent

Others Present:	Bob Buchanan	Rock County Highway Dept
	Rick Ellis	Rock County Highway Dept
	Adam Fisher	Rock County Highway Dept
	Kathy Idzerda	The Janesville Gazette
	Sandra Kraft	Rock County Board Supervisor Vice-Chair
	Mary Mawhinney	Rock County Board Supervisor
	Phil Owens	Rock County Board Supervisor
	Alan Pennington	Matrix Consulting
	Russell Podzilni	Rock County Board Supervisor Chair
	Terry Thomas	Rock County Board Supervisor

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

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. None.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Presentation of Report by Matrix Consulting Group – Department of Public Works, Highway Operations (Alan Pennington). Ben Coopman introduced Alan Pennington. Mr. Pennington suggests if the audience members have any questions to please ask them during the PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Pennington went over some of the strengths of the Highway Department including financial reports generated. Matrix does not recommend any change in the general organizational structure of the department. The report does recommend discontinuing paving services to the Towns but continue County paving.

Their report also points out that not all towns are equal, but they are charged the same amount for services by the Highway Department.

Mr. Coopman reminded the group that these are only recommendations. The Public Works Committee will have to decide which recommendations will be implemented and how they will be implemented.

Mr. Pennington stated the Highway Department has a very large fleet. It is not large for the amount of services we provide. Matrix recommends replacing pickup trucks with single axle dump trucks.

Expansion of Faster program. Faster is the best system available and does not need to be replaced.

They recommend reclassifying the Account Clerk to a Cost Allocation Specialist position so both clerical staff in the front office are equal.

A question and answer period followed his presentation.

Adjournment. Supervisors Driscoll and Fox moved to adjourn at 9:10 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton
Secretary II