



ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Highways & Parks

3715 Newville Road, Janesville, WI 53545
Phone: (608)757-5450 Fax: (608)757-5470
www.co.rock.wi.us

Public Works Committee – Highway Minutes
Tuesday, March 26, 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, Driscoll, and Fox.

Committee Members Absent. Supervisors Richard and Zajac.

Staff Members:

Nick Elmer	Assistant Director of Public Works
Amy Friend	Community Coordinator
Duane Jorgenson	Director of Public Works
Neil Pierce	PW Superintendent – Shop

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

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements.

Mr. Jorgenson informed the Committee that the DPW Spring Training Day will be on Tuesday, April 2nd at the main shop.

Mr. Jorgenson stated the WCHA Summer Road School Highway Conference will be held June 3, 4, & 5, 2019.

Mr. Jorgenson stated he and Mr. Elmer attended the WCHA Spring Commissioner Training. He discussed the need for flagger certifications for the staff and new equipment that will need to be purchased to comply with the new regulations. He also discussed the new Diggers Hotline requirements and how it impacts the construction crew.

Mr. Jorgenson stated he could share the link for the WPR interview with representatives from WCHA regarding the Governor's proposed budget.

Mr. Jorgenson stated that WisDOT has a High Risk Rural Road Program that monitors sections of highways that have a high number of accidents. CTH D from Beloit to Eau Claire Road is

NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

ranked 22nd highest in the state. WisDOT will perform a study of the corridor and provide recommendations on how to reduce accidents. The study is performed at no cost to the county.

Mr. Jorgenson informed the Committee that he would be on vacation from April 12-21, 2019 and April 24 – 26, 2019.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Resolution – Designating the Week of April 8 Through 12, 2019 “Work Zone Safety Awareness Week in Rock County”. Supervisors Fox and Driscoll moved the Resolution. Mr. Jorgenson stated the Wisconsin Highway Association asked all seventy-two counties in the state to unite with a resolution and campaign to raise awareness for work zone safety. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution – Recognizing Thomas Crichton. Supervisors Fox and Driscoll moved the Resolution. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution – Recognizing Thomas Meske. Supervisors Driscoll and Fox moved the Resolution. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution – Authorizing Purchase of Motor Pool Vehicles for the Rock County Department of Public Works. Supervisors Fox and Driscoll moved the Resolution. Mr. Pierce stated this is a replacement van due to an accident involving a motor pool vehicle. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of (7) Quad Axle Truck Dual Bodies, Plow, Wings, Spreaders and One Underbody Blade. Supervisors Fox and Driscoll moved the Approval. Mr. Jorgenson stated in a previous meeting the chassis were approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Update and Discussion – CTH MM (Ruger Avenue). Mr. Jorgenson provided the Committee with an update on the CTH MM (Ruger Avenue) project. In order to move forward with The CTH MM project, CTH F will need to be delayed to cover the costs of the CTH MM construction project. The possibility of this occurring was explained in the 2019 budget.

Update and Discussion – Town Billing Status. Mr. Jorgenson stated Supervisor Richard requested the town billing status. The attachment for 2018 and 2019 shows when the bills were sent out to the State and Towns.

Update and Discussion – Set Annual Town Meeting Times and Dates. After discussion, the Committee decided the Annual Town Meetings will be held the week of May 6-10, 2019.

Update and Discussion – DPW Project Status – Will be Provide at Meeting. Mr. Elmer provided a handout with the updated DPW project status. He stated the crews are brushing on CTH A, Town of Spring Valley, and Town of Janesville. Mr. Koch has been completing town ride arounds planning the summer work with the towns. He stated DPW is also planning to pave the UW-Rock County parking lot, Health Care Center parking lot, and Big Hill Park Trail.

Update- DPW Front Office Remodel. Mr. Jorgenson provided a proposed drawing of the remodel. He stated this is a budgeted item. Mr. Jorgenson worked with Facilities Management and DPW staff trying to accomplish a good layout. Discussion took place on the layout.

Next Meeting Date. The next Highway meeting will be Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

Adjournment. Supervisors Fox and Driscoll moved to adjourn at 8:46 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Friend
Community Coordinator