



ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Public Works Committee -- Highway & Parks Minutes
Tuesday, April 23, 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, Richard, and Zajac.

Committee Members Absent. Supervisors Driscoll and Fox.

Staff Members:

Nick Elmer	Assistant Director of Public Works
Amy Friend	Community Coordinator
Duane Jorgenson	Director of Public Works
John Traynor	Parks Manager

Others Present: Michael Radtke EMCS Inc.

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

Approval of Minutes of March 26, 2019. Supervisors Richard and Zajac moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements.

Mr. Jorgenson stated a letter went out to the Towns with the 2019 rates for paving, sealcoating, grader patching and shouldering. He stated asphalt went up \$10,000 per mile from last year. Last year it was down \$5,000 per mile. He stated sealcoating went down \$500 per mile, shouldering went up \$1,000 per mile, and grader patching went up \$2.00 per ton.

Mr. Jorgenson stated the Spring Training for DPW on April 2nd was a success.

Mr. Jorgenson reminded the Committee about the WCHA Summer Road School Highway Conference will be held June 3, 4, 5 2019. Mr. Jorgenson, Mr. Elmer, and Chair Bussie will be attending.

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Mr. Jorgenson stated that the WisDOT High Risk Rural Road Program will be reviewing CTH D from Beloit to Eau Claire Road in early to mid-May. CTH D from Beloit to Eau Clair Road is ranked the 22nd in the state for accidents. The review is performed at no cost to the County.

Mr. Jorgenson reminded the Committee that the Towns meetings will be held on May 6th and May 7th at the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport.

Mr. Jorgenson stated a worker was out patching potholes on HWY 51 by the Airport and Rock County Deputy offered to sit at the work site. The deputy issued 3 or 4 citations. Mr. Jorgenson stated the DPW and Sheriff's office are working together and building a positive working relationship.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Discussion and Possible Action – Approve Rankings for the Design of Federal Aid Bridge Projects – CTH J and Polzin Road. Supervisors Richard and Zajac moved to Approve Rankings for the Design of Federal Aid Bridge Projects – CTH J and Polzin Road. Mr. Jorgenson explained that DPW solicits letters of interest every year from consultants and they are placed on an eligibility list. The list is used to solicit Statement of Qualification (SOQ) from eligible engineering consulting firms to provide designs for federal aid bridge projects. Fourteen consulting firms responded for the CTH J Bridge and three staff members reviewed and ranked the corresponding SOQ's. The rankings for CTH J Bridge are 1) Ayres Associates, 2) R.H. Batterman & Co., Inc. and 3) Strand Associates. Twelve consulting firms responded for the Polzin Road Bridge and two staff members and member's from the Town of Janesville town board reviewed and ranked the corresponding SOQ's. The rankings for the Polzin Road Bridge are 1) MSA Professional Services, Inc., 2) R. H. Batterman & Co., Inc., and 3) Cedar Corp. Mr. Jorgenson stated he needs Committee approval to move forward. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Approve Rental of Four (4) John Deere Tractors From May 1 – December 1, 2019. Supervisors Richard and Zajac moved to Approve Rental of Four (4) John Deere Tractors from May 1 – December 1, 2019 from Sloan Implement for a base cost of \$25,188.00. Chair Bussie asked if the money was included in the budget for this purchase. Mr. Jorgenson replied yes. Mr. Jorgenson stated the tractors would be used for mowing operations for 2019. He stated by renting the tractors it will eliminate the need to store them and minimize the need for maintenance work. He stated his concerns about them being used for the 300 hours. He stated DPW is going to try renting for one year and reevaluate if renting them is cost effective. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Approve Purchase of One (1) John Deere 5115 M Tractor. Supervisors Richard and Zajac moved to Approve Purchase of One (1) John Deere 5115 M. Tractor from Mid-State Equipment for \$65,891.40. Mr. Jorgenson stated this tractor is a replacement for a former tractor that was struck from behind by a vehicle on USH 14. The cost of the tractor will be covered by insurance payments. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Approve Purchase of One (1) Side Mount Mower. Supervisors Richard and Zajac moved to Approve Purchase of One (1) Side Mount Mower from Mid-State Equipment for \$9,581.00. Chair Bussie asked if the money was included in the budget for the purchase. Mr. Jorgenson replied yes. Mr. Jorgenson stated that in the past DPW has purchased WOODS brand, but they are no longer making them. The Rhino brand is 5 foot instead of 6 foot and smaller and lightweight. He stated we will try one side mount mower for June and if it holds up, we will purchase two more before the October mowing's. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Update - Bridge Projects – Emerald Grove & Creek Road. Mr. Jorgensen updated the Committee on the Town of Bradford's Emerald Grove & Creek Road projects. He stated the Creek Road is estimated to go over the budget if they go with the 45 MPH structure. They are looking at a 25 MPH structure with a cost savings of over \$200,000.00. We are requesting to go with the 25 MPH structure and requesting a final extension of 1 year from WisDOT. The Emerald Grove project is currently over budget. The Bureau of Rail and Harbor is requiring a second rail line. With a second rail line, the bridge length will need to be longer. This will increase cost and extend the timeline. WisDOT has approved a time extension and increased funding for the project. Chair Bussie asked Mr. Jorgenson to update the Committee on the projects.

Review of Payments. Review was completed.

PARKS BUSINESS

Resolution – Approval of Bid Award for #2019-19 Gibbs Lake Park Vault Toilet Building. Supervisor Richard and Zajac moved the Resolution – Approval of Bid Award for #2019-19 Gibbs Lake Park Vault Toilet Building. Mr. Traynor stated \$50,000 was budgeted for this project and the final cost should be under \$22,000. The amount originally budgeted was for a double vault toilet building but it is being replaced with a single vault toilet building. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution – In Support of Reforming Wisconsin's Eminent Domain Laws. Supervisor Richard and Zajac moved the Resolution – In Support of Reforming Wisconsin's Eminent Domain Laws. Discussion took place on the Resolution and the changes made from a previous one. Supervisor Richard stated he would like more information on the Resolution. MOTION CARRIED

Next Meeting Date. The next Highway meetings will be Monday, May 6, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport, Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. at the Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport, and Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works. The next Parks meeting will be Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

Adjournment. Supervisors Zajac and Richard moved to adjourn at 8:34 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy J. Friend
Community Coordinator

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