



ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Public Works Committee – Highway Minutes
Tuesday, May 28, 2019 – 8:00 a.m.
Public Works Department- Committee Room
3715 Newville Road
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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. Supervisors Driscoll.

Staff Members:

Nick Elmer	Assistant Director of Public Works
Amy Friend	Community Coordinator
Amy Hartley	Secretary II
Duane Jorgenson	Director of Public Works
Neil Pierce	Public Works Superintendent - Shop

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

Approval of Minutes of April 23, 2019, May 6, 2019 and May 7, 2019. Supervisors Zajac and Richard moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements.

Mr. Jorgenson introduced Amy Hartley, the new Department of Public Works Secretary II, to the Committee.

Mr. Jorgenson reported that Chair Bussie, Mr. Elmer and himself will be attending the WCHA Conference on June 6, 7, & 8 in Wisconsin Dells.

Mr. Jorgenson stated the second round of interviews were held for the State Superintendent.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Update – Project List. Mr. Elmer provided information to the Committee on the project lists for the State, County, Towns and others that was included in the packet. He stated the first

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mowing for the State will be completed by July 15th. The second mowing for the State will take place in the fall and they will only be mowing the intersections for safety. Sealcoating operations are planned for the next two weeks. Discussion took place on the Health Care Center parking lot and if the work was needed. Supervisor Zajac asked when the parking lot work at Royce Dallman would be completed. Mr. Elmer stated it was planned to be completed this summer.

Update – WisDOT Projects. Mr. Elmer provided the Committee with an update on several WisDOT projects. In 2019, USH 51 from Beloit to Janesville is scheduled for a mill and overlay project. In 2019, STH 140 from Clinton to the S. State Line is scheduled for a mill and overlay, and a reconstruction project is planned for 2024. I-43 from STH 140 east to Delavan has a cable guard install scheduled for 2019. The STH 213 bridge between Evansville and STH 59 will be reconstructed in 2020. USH 14 from Evansville to Janesville has a mill and overlay project scheduled for 2020. No WisDOT projects are currently planned for Rock County in 2021. In 2022, a mill and overlay project is scheduled for STH 11 from Brodhead to Footville. No WisDOT projects are currently planned for Rock County in 2023. In 2024, a mill and overlay project is scheduled for STH 59 from Edgerton to Whitewater.

Mr. Elmer provided an update on the I39/I90 Expansion Project and provided a map to the Committee. Discussion took place on the timing of opening the new lanes and having employees and trucks to deal with the additional lanes.

Discussion – Federal Aid Tracking Charts. Mr. Elmer provided a chart on the wall for the Committee to view. Mr. Jorgenson stated the chart was developed to help track the different Federal Aid Projects phases and help them stay on schedule.

Discussion – 2020 Construction and Equipment CIP. The CIP was included in the Agenda packet. Mr. Jorgenson stated he has asked Mr. Elmer and Mr. Babcock to do the PASER ratings early because of the winter and the concerns of the conditions of the highways. Discussion took place on the PASER ratings and how the conditions of the highways have deteriorated. He stated the County Administration usually allows \$3 to \$4 million a year for highway construction projects, however DPW is requesting an average of \$5 million a year for the next five years to try to keep the roads in good condition. Discussion took place on if the Highway department had enough staff to handle all of the work. Mr. Jorgenson stated the two main highways that need the most work currently are CTH A & CTH F.

Mr. Jorgenson and the Committee discussed the equipment needs listed on the CIP for 2020.

Discussion – Shop Operations & Equipment Strategy Overview. Mr. Jorgenson stated the shop is outdated. Discussion took place on the reorganizing the shop and creating new efficiencies. Mr. Jorgenson stated that mechanics are hard to find to do what we do at DPW. Discussion took place on the need to fill spots in the shop and hiring technicians. Discussion took place on the current FASTER system.

Review of Payments. Review was completed.

Next Meeting Date. The next Highway meeting will be Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

Adjournment. Supervisors Richard and Zajac moved to adjourn at 9:04 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy J. Friend
Community Coordinator