

Public Works Committee Minutes  
Thursday, January 8, 2015 – 8:00 a.m.  
Public Works Department Committee Room

Call to Order. Chair Bussie called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present. Supervisors Arnold, Bussie, Driscoll and Fox

Committee Members Absent. Supervisor Richard

Staff Members:	Ron Burdick	Airport Director
	Ben Coopman	Public Works Director
	Duane Jorgenson	Assistant to the Public Works Director
	Deb Lawton	Secretary II
	Nick Osborne	Assistant to the County Administrator
	James Otterstein	Economic Development Manager
	Josh Smith	County Administrator
	Mike Turk	Shop Superintendent
	Lori Williams	Parks Director

Others Present:	Floyd Finney	Parks Advisory Committee
	Kathy Idzerda	Janesville Gazette
	Sandra Kraff	County Board Vice-Chair
	Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Committee
	Russell Podzilni	County Board Chair
	Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Committee
	Alan Sweeney	County Board Supervisor

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Arnold and Fox moved the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of December 11, 2014. Supervisors Fox and Driscoll moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Ron Burdick and James Otterstein gave a presentation to the group on the restaurant RFP which will be going out in the near future. Discussion.

## **PARKS ITEMS**

Review POROS Plan Highlights. Lori went over the POROS plan with the Committee and informed them a resolution will be presented to them at their February 10 meeting. The Committee viewed a brief presentation on the plan. This plan will be available on our website in the near future. Chair Bussie stated that Carolyn

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Brandeen suggested that a hard copy of the plan be available at our libraries. Lori agreed this is a good idea. The County Board will be able to access the plan either by a link on our website, by a diskette from Lori or hard copy if needed. Supervisor Arnold requested a hard copy of the plan.

**HIGHWAY BUSINESS**

Approve Purchase of Equipment – Used Self-Propelled Telescopic Lift. Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved to purchase one used lift from Aerial Work Platforms for \$71,355. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Bridge Aid Requests from Town of Bradford on Carvers Rock Road. Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved the bridge aid requests in the amounts of \$6,500; \$14,500 and \$5,800. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Possible Action on Implements of Husbandry Ordinance. Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved to open this item up for discussion. Mr. Sweeney stated he has been working with the UW Extension on an educational program for the ag community. A permit will be required for loH equipment over 92,000 lbs. Ben reported he is the speaker at the Rock County Towns Association meeting next week and he will be showing them sample permits at that time. Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved to table this until fourth quarter 2015. MOTION CARRIED.

Discuss Scope of DPW Organization Study. Discussion on whether to include the Airport in this study took place. The Committee felt the Airport should be included if enough funding is available. Discussion on highway's part of the study took place. Josh Smith stated it is important to get staff input and be open minded about the results. Ben stated this is not being done as a way to eliminate town work.

Ben suggested that the Public Works Committee interview the consultants and the Committee agreed.

Discuss Access Control and Permitting Ordinance Fee Structure. Ben discussed proposed fee increases for driveway permits. He discussed the ordinance changes he will be recommending.

Discuss Public Involvement Process in 2015 Road Construction Projects. Ben stated we will be redoing CTH F from USH 51 to the County institutions and CTH H from 14 N to CTH M outside of Fulton. The Committee wishes to be invited to any public meeting held.

Cancel Vouchers #1484 - #1619 & Approve Bills/Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments & Transfers. Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved the vouchers. MOTION CARRIED.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.**

Discuss Funding for Two Local Bridge Replacements in the Town of Bradford: Creek Road and Emerald Grove Road over the Wisconsin and Southern RR. Ben discussed the Town of Bradford agreeing to use federal funds to replace Creek Road bridge over the Wisconsin and Southern RR. It has not been determined if the Emerald Grove Road bridge will be replaced or remain closed.

Update on a Jurisdictional Transfer of a Portion of CTH G. Ben stated this is not done yet. He is trying to work out a three-way collaboration where the City of Beloit takes the maintenance of the roadway between Huebbe Parkway and Philhower Road. Half would be transferred to the City and half to the Town of Beloit. An agreement is being worked on for maintenance, etc. Nick reported that the County Administrator met with the Town of Beloit. Negotiations continue.

Next Meeting Date. Thursday, February 12. The Parks meeting will be held Tuesday, February 10.

Adjournment. Supervisors Fox and Driscoll moved to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton  
Secretary II