



ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Public Works Committee – Parks & Highway Minutes

Thursday, January 18, 2018 – 9:00 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 9:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present. Supervisors Bussie, Driscoll, Fox, Richard and Podzilni (Ex Officio).

Committee Members Absent. Supervisors Arnold.

Staff Members:

Nick Elmer	Assistant Director of Public Works
Amy Friend	Secretary II
Duane Jorgenson	Director of Public Works
Michael Turk	Shop Superintendent
Lori Williams	Parks Manager

Others Present:

Wes Davis	County Board Supervisor
Floyd Finney	Parks Advisory Committee
Phyllis Hasbrouck	Concerned Citizen
Sandra Kraft	County Board Supervisor
Tim Mumm	Concerned Citizen
Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Committee
Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Committee
Doug Rebout	Concerned Citizen
Alan Sweeny	County Board Supervisor
Andy Walton	Concerned Citizen

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

Approval of Minutes of November 16, 2017 and December 12, 2017. Supervisors Fox and Driscoll moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

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Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Mr. Presny informed the Committee that the Friends of Rock County Parks had a work day at Turtle Creek Parkway. The work group burned brush and cleared the vista at the five arch bridge. He stated they had a nice turn out. He appreciated all of the support and the effort that was put into the work day.

Mr. Jorgenson announced the City of Beloit Engineering Department will hold a Public Information Meeting about the 2019 improvements to Prairie Avenue tonight at 5:00 p.m. at Aldrich Intermediate School in the library.

Mr. Jorgenson announced Rock County will have a Public Involvement Meeting about the reconstruction of South Smith Road Bridge over Turtle Creek. The meeting will be held on Monday, January 22, 2018 at the Turtle Town Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Jorgenson announced Rock County will have a Public Involvement Meeting about the reconstruction of CTH A. The meeting will be held on Monday, January 29, 2018 at the Johnstown Community Center at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Jorgenson stated he had attended a Wisconsin Department of Transportation First Responder Appreciation Event on November 14, 2017. He shared a framed picture and letter that was given the Highway department from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation as a token of their appreciation.

PARKS BUSINESS

Update and Discussion – Carol Miller Property Donation. Ms. Williams stated she and Mr. Byrnes from Planning and Development had attended the Fulton Township meeting for zoning on January 9, 2018 to discuss the proposed donation. Ms. Williams distributed copies of an article about the Carol Miller land donation that was in The Edgerton Reporter on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. Mr. Presny asked what the next step would be. Ms. Williams stated she will contact Ms. Miller and decide if and when the Resolution will go back to the County Board.

Mr. Walton stated he is an adjacent land owner and member of the Fulton Town Board. He distributed and discussed an email he had sent to the Public Works Committee about his concerns with the donation of the property. Supervisor Podzilni stated this was a major donation honoring Ms. Miller's late husband and recommended addressing the issues to make this work. Ms. Williams acknowledged that and confirmed she would talk to Ms. Miller and review before adding this to a future agenda.

Parks Manager Report. The Managers report was included in the agenda packet. Ms. Williams stated the Beloit to Janesville trail base lift layer was completed. She expressed gratitude for all of the hard work of the road crew, Mr. Paynter and volunteers. She directed everyone to a picture on page two of a bench donation at Magnolia Bluff west overlook. The tree work is continuing at Sportsman's park. Ms. Williams explained she is waiting on the security company to finish the electrical work on the license plate camera installation. Mr. Paynter asked what the status was on

the 140 Property. Ms. Williams confirmed the zoning process was done and the offer to purchase just needed to be completed.

Next Meeting Date. The next Parks meeting will be Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Semi-Annual Report on Attendance at Conferences/Conventions. Mr. Jorgenson stated this report was a resolution requirement. Two employees from the airport attended training that had exceeded \$1,000. Chair Bussie asked if the money for the training was included in the budget. Mr. Jorgenson acknowledged yes the money for this training was included in the budget.

Resolution: In Support of Reforming Wisconsin Eminent Domain Laws. Supervisors Driscoll and Bussie moved the Resolution In Support of Reforming Wisconsin Eminent Domain Laws. Mr. Mumm requested the wording in line 20 be changed from by the State to for private gain. He requested a change to line 32 to include the word citizens' before property rights. Supervisor Fox stated the word was already included in the Resolution. Mr. Mumm requested the wording in line 31 be changed from its eminent domain power to eminent domain for private gain. Supervisor Davis noted he was in favor of the changes. Supervisor Fox moved to table the Resolution In Support of Reforming Wisconsin Eminent Domain Laws until all of the corrections have been made. Supervisor Bussie seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Discretionary Maintenance Agreement. Supervisors Richard and Driscoll moved the Discretionary Maintenance Agreement. Mr. Jorgenson stated this was a shouldering project for STH 67 from South County Line to STH 140. He confirmed that we have the resources to do the project. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Possible Action – CTH BT LOMR – Contract Amendment #1. Supervisors Fox and Richard moved the CTH BT LOMR Contract Amendment #1. Chair Bussie asked what LOMR stood for. Mr. Jorgenson said LOMR stood for Letter of Map Revision. Mr. Jorgenson stated a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) was submitted by Ayres Associates for the proposed CTH BT Bridge and approved by FEMA. When Ayres Associates submitted the LOMR, the DNR informed Ayres that, in their opinion, The CLOMR should not have been approved by FEMA. Mr. Jorgenson stated this could jeopardize federal funds for the CTH BT. The contract amendment for \$5,500 is for the additional meetings, evaluations and conversations with the DNR and FEMA. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Winter Maintenance Policy 11.0 Update. Supervisors Fox and Driscoll moved the Winter Maintenance Policy 11.0 Updated. Mr. Jorgenson stated a few changes and additions were made to the policy. The additions were the distances of miles, definitions of passable roadway, reasonable speed and 24/7 service. He stated various changes in formatting and reorganizing the policy were also made. The level of service was modified. Clarification of emergency services were made. State statute language was also added. MOTION CARRIED.

Update and Discussion – Real Estate Offering Price Reports for Real Estate on CTH F (North). Mr. Jorgenson stated he was bringing this item to the Committee because of the larger acquisition cost. The cost for parcel #39 for CTH F (North) is \$13,500. The size of the property is about 61,000 square feet. The acquisition is needed to open up the curve to meet the Federal requirements.

Discussion and Possible Action – Approval of Purchase of Equipment. Supervisors Fox and Driscoll moved approval of purchase of all ten pieces of equipment. Chair Bussie asked if all ten items were in the budget. Mr. Jorgenson stated that they were all in the budget. Supervisor Richard was concerned that the dozer had only received one bid. Mr. Turk explained that this unit has a GPS unit for CAT units and each dealer has their own version of the GPS unit. MOTION CARRIED.

Review of Payments. Review was completed.

Next Meeting Date. The next Highway meeting will be Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

Adjournment. Supervisor Fox and Bussie moved to adjourn at 10:04 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Friend
Secretary II