

Public Works Committee Minutes
Thursday, January 14, 2016 – 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, Fox and Richard

Committee Members Absent. None

Staff Members:	Ben Coopman	Public Works Director
	Duane Jorgenson	Assistant to the Public Works Director
	Deb Lawton	Secretary II

Others Present: None

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Arnold and Driscoll moved today's agenda, deleting item 4f. from the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Chair Bussie discussed an email she received from Mr. Richard Arrowood on the speed limit on Afton Road.

Ben Coopman read from a letter he received from Carla Knorr of WisDOT regarding future road construction plans for USH 14 on its existing alignment between Janesville and Dane County. WisDOT has deferred any study or planning of a west side bypass at this time. Discussion.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Approve Resolution Awarding a Contract for DPW Shopiere Shed Upgrades. Supervisors Fox and Driscoll moved the resolution, awarding the contract to low bidder, Westphal Electric, for \$14,725. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Contract with Prairie Land Services, Inc., to Purchase Property for the Dollar General Project. Supervisors Richard and Fox moved the contract with Prairie Land Services for \$5,500. Ben explained we will be reimbursed by the City of Janesville for these costs. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion of Possible Fuel Tank Project. Ben discussed the need for a diesel fuel tank to be located at DPW headquarters. Ben explained that if there were a major emergency, such as an ice storm that knocked down trees and disrupted power, we would be challenged to find fuel for our vehicles. There is a tank available from the City of Janesville that we could obtain and reinstall at our location. Discussion on liability issues and cost issues took place. Supervisor Richard asked about trends and what other counties are doing. The general consensus was that the Committee was in favor of this proposal and asked Ben to return with answers to their questions. Supervisor Richard is in favor of more in-depth study.

Approve Dead Deer Disposal Procedure. Supervisors Richard and Arnold moved the dead deer disposal procedure.

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Ben explained that starting in 2016, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will no longer be funded for the removal and disposal of dead deer carcasses, except on State Highways. Ben recommends a natural disposal method in which natural decay would be allowed to occur. In populated settings, DPW staff can collect and dispose of these dead deer carcasses for CTH's and its town customers.

The carcasses would be relocated to a suitable natural setting or disposed of in a sanitary landfill at Janesville. Actual costs for labor, equipment and disposal fees would be charged to the respective customer. Discussion. MOTION CARRIED.

Semi-Annual Report on Attendance at Conferences/Conventions. The Committee viewed the report of no one in the Department attending any conferences.

Cancel Vouchers #1483 - #1626 & Approve Bills, Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments and Transfers. Supervisors Fox and Richard moved the vouchers. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner's Report. Public information Meetings Coming up on Design Projects.
CTH H Bridge (Bass Creek). Ben and Duane attended the public information meeting last night at the Town of Plymouth. Good turnout and positive reaction to the project.

CTH F (South). Duane Jorgenson gave a presentation on this project and discussion took place on installing curb and gutter on the east side of the road for approximately 4,100 feet near the south end of the project at an increased cost of approximately \$20,000. This would avoid purchasing right-of-way and not meeting our timeline to get the project completed yet this year. Discussion on eliminating a curvy section north of the USH 51 overpass also took place. It was the consensus of the committee that the cost of this curve improvement did not outweigh the benefits. The shoulders will be 6' wide, 2' gravel and 4' paved to allow for pedestrian and bicycle travel. The public information meeting on this project will be Wednesday, February 3 at the Health Care Center Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. This will be brought back to the Public Works Committee for action in the near future.

CTH A (East). Design work is just beginning on this project.

CTH MM. Design is underway. Public information meeting will be 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 27 at Harmony Town Hall.

Next Meeting Dates. Next meeting date will be Thursday, February 11 at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment. Supervisors Arnold and Driscoll moved to adjourn at 9:50 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton
Secretary II