

Public Works Committee Minutes
Thursday, June 11, 2015 – 8:00 a.m.
Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport
1716 West Airport Road – Voyager Room
Janesville WI 53546

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
	Lori Williams	Parks Director

Others Present:	Mark Gunn, Chair	Town of Rock
	Dale Stevenson	Interested Citizen
	David Branz	Interested Citizen
	Doug Deegan	Interested Citizen
	Richard Arrowood	Interested Citizen
	Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Committee
	Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Committee

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

Approval of Minutes of May 4, May 6 and May 14, 2015. Supervisors Richard and Fox moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Ben introduced Robin Hayley from Matrix Consulting. Mr. Hayley spoke to the Committee about what they might want included in the study and offered to meet with them individually if they so choose. Discussion items from the Committee included town work being a high priority; our billing system is another high priority. Obtaining information from the individual towns was discussed. Chair Bussie recommended that Mr. Hayley meet with Ben to figure out which towns should be involved.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Approve Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 (Public Peace and Order) of the Rock County Code of Ordinances. Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved the ordinance. Ben discussed the changes made to the ordinance since our last meeting on May 14.

This area was further evaluated at the request of the Public Works Committee. The components evaluated were the 85th percentile speeds south of the current speed zone (two samples) and at the southern end of the speed zone (one sample), as well as the driveway spacing along CTH D south of the speed zone.

The 85th percentile speeds were 56.25 mph and 57.5 mph south of the speed zone and 44.5 mph at the south end of the speed zone. The driveway spacing south of the speed zone allows for the speed limit to be set between 35 mph and 55 mph south to Townline Road.

Based upon the 85th percentile speeds observed, the roadway vision and the terrain, an extension of the current 35 mph speed zone southerly to the intersection of Noss Road is recommended.

Several citizens commented they still wanted the speed zone in the village lowered from 35 MPH to 25 MPH. Ben stated according to the speed zone studies, the speed of the cars has not changed with the new speed limit. This is an enforcement issue. More discussion. Supervisor Fox stated he agrees with Ben's recommendation. Supervisor Arnold wants it lowered in the village to 25 MPH or 30 MPH and wants a cross walk to the post office. Ben stated that is more dangerous than putting it at the end of the block. Supervisor Richard and Supervisor Driscoll feel Ben's recommendation is reasonable. Chair Bussie feels Ben has done a good intelligent study. She asked Ben to monitor this and revisit it if necessary. MOTION CARRIED.

Consideration and Possible Action on Other Signing/Marking on CTH D in Afton Area.

Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved the signing action recommended by Ben Coopman. It is not recommended to provide a pedestrian crossing in the post office area. It is recommended to provide a bike trail crossing at approximately 275 feet south of W. Pitt Road. This would include on-road and trail signing and a painted crosswalk. It is not recommended to provide a bike crossing at W. Bass Creek Road. MOTION CARRIED. Supervisor Arnold dissented.

Approve Purchase of Equipment: One Fifteen-Foot Heavy-Duty Flex Wing Rotary Mower.

Supervisors Richard and Driscoll moved to purchase one mower from Johnson Tractor for \$15,360. Mike Turk explained the recommendation to the committee. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Possible Action on Local Funding of Design for Federal Aid-Urban Projects.

Supervisors Arnold and Driscoll moved the policy.

Ben explained the Department of Transportation is urging local units of government to fund the design portion of these projects without federal assistance. The Janesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (JAMPO) intends to formalize acceptance of that recommendation and fund future design projects locally. This strategy shift will significantly increase the design costs to local project sponsors. Fortunately, the County does these projects very infrequently compared to the cities in JAMPO. The advantages to the local units of government are conserving aid dollars for relatively more expensive items such as construction and making more projects eligible for construction funding. It could advance projects up to one year due to elimination of rigorous program scheduling rules that WisDOT uses that preclude a design and a construction project from being programmed for the same year. There may be an indeterminable benefit of construction cost savings due to avoidance of inflationary cost increases by advancing projects.

If this proposition is approved, Rock County and the City of Janesville will be filing an application in about a month for only a construction project on CTH MM (Ruger Avenue) for construction in 2019. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Policy on Permitting Pressurized Liquid Pipeline Crossings of County Trunk Highways. Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved the policy. Additional information was distributed to the Committee. Discussion on details took place. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Possible Action on Creating a Policy for Charging Local Agencies for Emergency Response by DPW. Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved the request.

Ben explained that on occasion a Department of Public Works Supervisor receives a call from the 911 Communication Center about a roadside emergency occurring in a town we do not have an annual maintenance agreement with and 911 is unable to reach someone authorized for the town. We always address the emergency. However, it is not always possible to bill and recover our costs from the affected town. This is especially true for the supervisor's time and expenses, especially if we have to also go to the scene to oversee the response. There is always a fixed cost to have that on-call supervisor available and accepting calls. Discussion.

Supervisor Arnold moved to send our policy to the towns and discuss it and bill them. Motion died for lack of a second. No action taken.

Approve Bridge Aid Request from Town of Lima for Sturtevant Road. Supervisors Richard and Bussie moved the bridge aid request from Town of Lima for \$6,500. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Resolution, Relocation Order – CTH H, USH 14 to CTH M (South). Supervisors Fox and Driscoll moved the resolution. MOTION CARRIED.

Cancel Vouchers #536-#684 & Approve Bills/Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments & Transfers. Supervisors Driscoll and Fox moved the vouchers. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

- Update on Park-N-Ride in Newville. Ben explained they are having problems negotiating this agreement with all the parties involved.
- CTH M Bridge @ Indianford. Ben stated this bridge is in poor condition and may have to be load posted. He is working on moving this from the 2016 budget to the 2015 budget. It is included in federal aid project funding.

PARKS ITEMS

Approve Resolution Proclaiming July as Parks and Recreation Month. Supervisors Richard and Arnold moved the resolution. MOTION CARRIED.

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Parks Advisory Committee Remarks. Tom Presny spoke in favor of the aforementioned resolution. He would like to see a report on the agenda about projects we are involved in and would also like to involve the Community Coordinator at these meetings to find out what our volunteers are doing.

Lori updated the Committee on various items including mowing in all parks; doing more mowing at Pelishek Tiffany Nature Trail; Rock River trail signage; the upcoming June 19 candlelight hike at Carver-Roehl Park; Rock County Fair display; Turtle Creek Parkway roofing specs being prepared; the upcoming Turtle Community Organization's 4th of July Festival; and taking bids for new playground equipment at Sportsman's Park.

Next Meeting Date. The next Highway meeting date will be Thursday, July 9 and the Parks meeting will be Tuesday, July 14 both at 8:00 a.m. Both meetings will be held at DPW headquarters. Ben discussed the upcoming removal of the Smith Road Bridge and possibly moving it to Sweet-Allyn County Park. He and Lori will be looking into this possibility to determine its feasibility.

Adjournment. Supervisors Arnold and Driscoll moved to adjourn at 10:25 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton
Secretary II