

Public Works Committee Minutes  
Thursday, August 8, 2013 – 8:30 a.m.  
Department of Public Works Committee Room  
3715 Newville Road - Janesville, WI

Call to Order. Chair Yankee called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Arnold, Bussie, Fox, Richard and Yankee

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Ben Coopman, Public Works Director  
Deb Lawton, Secretary  
Lori Williams, Parks Director

Others Present: David Arndt, Janesville Rotary Club  
Al Utzig, Janesville Rotary Club  
Lynn Wood, Janesville Rotary Club

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved today's agenda moving up item 5b.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Minutes of July 11, 2013. Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved the minutes.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Supervisor Arnold announced Supervisor Bussie was profiled in the *Faces* section of the *Beloit Daily News* recently.

Supervisor Bussie stopped at a gas station in Beloit and while she was there two people came in to ask directions to local attractions. Supervisor Bussie is dropping off some of the *Rock County Tourism Guides* at the gas station for them to hand out.

Supervisor Arnold reported on an article about roundabouts in the *Milwaukee Journal* and gave Ben a copy.

Ben Coopman presented Chair Yankee with the commemorative shovel from the I39 groundbreaking ceremony.

## **HIGHWAY BUSINESS**

Discussion and Possible Action on Snow Fence Loan Requests – David Arndt Rotary Club of Janesville. Mr. Arndt spoke to the Committee about the Rotary Club's use of snow fence and posts for their annual corn roast fund raising event. He stated they have borrowed snow fence from this department for many years without a problem. They are required by the city to keep the

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snow fencing around the mud volleyball pits for approximately one month. They are requesting a waiver of rental fees for the extra one month use of snow fencing. They have already paid the rent and deposit for the fencing and posts. Lynn Wood stated this is a fund raising event and over \$30,000 goes back into the community. She mentioned the various programs they support including Rotary Gardens, Camp Rotamer and scholarships given to local students. She would like to see all fees waived. Supervisor Fox moved to waive the additional fees to keep the volleyball pits fenced in as required by the city. Supervisor Bussie seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Consider Amending Chapter Three (Traffic Code) of the Rock County Code of Ordinances. Supervisors Fox and Richard moved the ordinance. Ben explained that after performing an analysis of the roadway, it was decided to change the beginning and ending locations of the current 30 MPH speed zone and to raise the speed limit to 35 MPH. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Possible Action on Selection of a Right-of-Way Services Firm for the CTH G Mega Project. Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved to select low bidder, Prairie Land, for the right-of-way services firm for the CTH G project for \$171,250. Ben explained this firm will be conducting appraisals and negotiating right-of-way purchases for this project. Supervisor Fox asked if we have had any experience with these firms. Supervisor Richard asked why the low bidder is \$90,000 less than next bidder. Ben explained they had verified with Prairie Land that they had included everything in their bid and they would stand by that number. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner's Report: Ben reported on a letter from Dr. Pulera. He also reported on 2014 budget process update. Discussion on I39 and CTH G project took place.

Next Meeting Date. Due to a conflict, the next meeting will be held Thursday, September 5, instead of September 12.

Cancel Vouchers #710-#823 & Approve Bills, Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments and Transfers. Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved the vouchers. MOTION CARRIED. Supervisor Fox asked why vouchers are not included with the action items. They will be moved to the action items section from now on.

Adjournment. Supervisors Fox and Bussie moved to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton  
Secretary II