

Public Works Committee Minutes
Thursday, December 13, 2012– 9:00 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 9:00 a.m.

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

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Ben Coopman, Public Works Director
Deb Lawton, Secretary
Ron Burdick, Airport Director

Others Present: None

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

Approval of Minutes of November 8, 2012. Supervisors Bussie and Brown moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. None.

AIRPORT BUSINESS

Approve Resolution to Purchase Used Emergency Response Vehicle for Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport.

Supervisors Fox and Bussie moved to purchase a 2004 Ford Horton used emergency response vehicle from the Wilmington, Illinois Fire Department for \$20,500. Discussion on county procedures to purchase airport equipment took place. MOTION CARRIED.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Approve Policy Changes on Lending out DPW Equipment and Materials.
Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved the policy. Ben discussed the problems with lending out equipment and materials and the Committee viewed photos of items that were improperly returned to our facility. Ben recommends discontinuing the policy of lending out equipment and materials altogether. A lengthy discussion ensued on various suggestions including charging a nonrefundable fee for administrative charges and collecting a refundable deposit from these groups.

Supervisors Fox and Bussie moved DPW staff to put together an administrative fee and administer refundable deposits on pick ups and drop offs for a one year trial period starting in 2013. MOTION CARRIED. Ron Burdick departed.

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Approve Resolution of Support for Second Consideration of the Constitutional Amendment to Protect the Transportation Fund. Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved the resolution. MOTION CARRIED.

Discuss Jurisdictional Transfers for CTH M, CTH Y, CTH NN and CTH N. Ben discussed these upcoming jurisdictional transfers that are resulting from the STH 59 project and the STH 26 project.

Discuss Memo of Agreement for Alternate Routes CTH X and CTH S. Ben discussed these two roadways that will be used as alternate routes to divert traffic from the Interstate system when needed. He discussed current bridge projects and the design of CTH F. There is no funding for construction of CTH F at the present time.

He also discussed various road projects and bridge projects that have been ongoing in the County and will be coming up in the future in Rock County.

He discussed the reconstruction of CTH A East as a county project and proposed hiring a consultant to do the design.

Town Road Construction Funding Demonstration. Ben discussed using special assessments to pay for road construction. (Supervisor Bussie departed.) He has been attending various town meetings giving them a presentation on this plan.

Report by Supervisor Bussie on WCHA Board of Directors Meeting. This will be placed on the January meeting agenda.

Next Meeting Date. Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. The meeting may begin at 9:00 a.m. if so requested.

Cancel Vouchers #1322 - #1484 & Approve Bills, Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments and Transfers. Supervisors Brown and Fox moved the vouchers. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner's Report.

Tour of Kuffer Pit. Ben Coopman took Supervisor Brown and Chair Yankee on a tour of Kuffer Pit.

Adjournment. Supervisors Arnold and Brown moved to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton
Secretary II

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