

Public Works Committee Minutes
Thursday, December 12, 2013 – 8:00 a.m.
Public Works Department Committee Room

Call to Order. Chair Yankee called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:00 a.m.

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

Committee Members Absent. None

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

Others Present:	Bonnie Cooksey	Janesville Jet
	Karla Lathers	Helicopter Specialties
	Larry Westberg	Airport Tenant
	Rick Leyes	Airport Tenant
	Steve King	Janesville Jet/King Holdings

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Fox and Bussie moved today's agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes. Supervisors Richard and Fox moved the minutes. Ron Burdick requested changing *Swiss Colony* to *SC Aviation, Inc.* and *Colony Brands* to *SC Aviation, Inc.* MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Supervisor Bussie stated she will be attending the banquet and staying an extra night at the Road School in January due to the fact she is on the WCHA Executive Committee.

AIRPORT BUSINESS

Discuss and Set 2014 Lease Rates. Ron recommends following the Urban Rate of Inflation which is 1% for the past 12 months. This assumed increase was approved in the 2014 budget. Rick Leyes stated for the last several years, the rate increase has been the same by following the Urban Rate of Inflation. We were going to look at other ways for evaluating the cost. This was stated last year. It does not make sense to adjust the lease cost based on the CPI – it should be based on actual costs. We have not had a rate increase in the past couple of years and he appreciates that. The rate increase is not based on need. Hangar is just a steel structure with a bare light bulb. Hangars have not

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been improved in any way. He suggests increasing the lease rate by a half percent.

Larry Westberg stated there has been a 25% increase in the last ten years without one improvement. This is one of the nicest airports in the state and it is looking like a ghost town. Lots of empty hangars. Chair Yankee stated the County is working on economic development all the time. Steve King, FBO owner, stated regrettably we have seen minimal economic activity over the last two years. Landings are down almost 20%. The general economic conditions in Rock County are not good. Any increase is uncalled for. One way to stop the bleeding would be to reduce the rental rates. He is against any increase.

Supervisor Fox understands the comments and supports their comments. Economic vitality at the airport right now is deplorable. To ask for an increase with no investment made in the t-hangars – he cannot support it.

Supervisor Bussie asked do you think when the terminal building is done will it make things better? Steve King replied yes it will.

Supervisor Arnold arrived.

Discussion on t-hangars took place. Supervisor Richard asked if improvements have been put forth to make the old hangars better. Ron replied new doors alone would cost \$12,000 each. It is not feasible. Supervisor Bussie commented she had talked to the County Administrator about the t-hangars and he gave her a list of things that needed to be done in the County and asked what she would recommend cutting.

Ron Burdick recommends going with a 1% increase for 2014.

Supervisor Fox moved to table indefinitely. Supervisor Richard seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Approve Amendment to Contract for Lighting Design for DPW Garage Lighting and Reallocating Funds. Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved to approve the amendment for lighting design to Angus Young for \$6,200. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Resolution on Jurisdictional Transfer-CTH Y and McCormick Drive with the Town of Harmony. Supervisors Fox and Bussie moved the resolution. Supervisors Fox and Richard moved to amend the resolution adding “or the date upon which the State so agrees, whichever is later” on line 31 of the

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resolution. AMENDMENT MOTION CARRIED. A vote was taken on the amended motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Resolution on Jurisdictional Transfer-CTH Y and McCormick Drive with the City of Janesville. Supervisors Fox and Bussie moved the resolution. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Award of Quotes for Replacement of Space Heaters in the Weldery. Supervisors Richard and Arnold moved to award the quote to low bidder, Advantage Air for \$9,077.78.

Approve Agreement for Construction with WisDOT-Guardrail Repair. Supervisors Arnold and Richard moved approval of the agreement for \$4,999. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Lease between Rock County and Todd Suer (Orfordville Pit). Supervisors Richard and Arnold moved the agreement for 2014. Ben explained the rent is going up \$100 to \$4,800/year in 2014. Discussion on alternative sites took place. Supervisor Richard stated he could not support an increase for this property. Supervisors Richard and Bussie moved to table this item for one month. MOTION CARRIED.

Cancel Vouchers #1252-#1383 and Approve Bills, Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrances, Amendments and Transfers (Pre-Approved Encumbrances for \$10,000 and \$5,000). Supervisors Bussie and Richard moved the vouchers, including the Pre-Approved Encumbrances of \$10,000 and \$5,000 credit card encumbrances for repair parts and travel items respectively. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- Discussion on CTH F reconstruction project took place.
- Discussion on possible new interchange at I39/CTH M took place.

Next Meeting Date. Thursday, January 9 will be the combined Parks and Highway Meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton
Secretary II