

Public Works Committee Minutes
Thursday, July 11, 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, Richard and Yankee

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Fox

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

Others Present: None

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

Approval of Minutes of June 13, 2013. Supervisors Richard and Arnold moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Supervisor Bussie suggested using teleconferencing to the Wisconsin County Highway Association Board of Directors as a way to save money. They accepted her suggestion and will begin teleconferencing instead of everyone driving to Wausau for meetings.

Supervisor Bussie mentioned there are lots of tall weeds along the east side of Afton Road.

Supervisor Arnold mentioned concerns at Avalon Road and CTH J. Corn stalks block vision.

Ben announced the Rock County Towns Association will hold their meeting at Sweet-Allyn County Park on July 18.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Approve Reallocating Funds on CTH G Mega Project. Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved the request to hire AECOM, Inc. for work on the remaining third design contract for a total of \$802,000 with Rock County's share being \$240,600. Discussion. MOTION CARRIED.

2014 Budget Suggestions from Committee. Ben stated if the Committee has any ideas for the 2014 budget, now is a good time to bring them up. Supervisor Arnold would like to see bike paths put on the edges of county roads. Discussion on this suggestion took place. Ben pointed out the bike paths on the map and how many we already have. Supervisor Arnold would like to

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see bike paths to Blackhawk Tech. Ben stated when STH 51 is redone, there will be bike lanes added.

Other suggestions discussed included a wheel tax for Rock County; contracts with the towns and discussion on remote sites and salt sheds used for state, county and town work. Discussion on town work and equipment took place. Chair Yankee suggested an assistant department head or operations manager might be a good idea.

The Committee had no definite recommendations for the 2014 budget.

Commissioner's Report:

2013 Construction. Ben reported on CTH M construction problems due to heavy rain and how it may delay the project.

Report on Flooding. Ben reported we may be filing a claim for flood damage, including damage to county park internal roads.

Next Meeting Date. Thursday, August 8, will be the next Committee Meeting.

Cancel Vouchers #563-#709 & Approve Bills, Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments and Transfers. Supervisors Bussie and Richard moved the vouchers. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton
Secretary II