

Public Works Committee Minutes  
Thursday, February 13, 2014 – 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

Parks Advisory Committee Present. Floyd Finney, Tom Presny and Dean Paynter

Staff Members:	Ben Coopman	Public Works Director
	Dave Hoffman	Parks Community Coordinator
	Deb Lawton	Secretary II
	Mike Turk	Shop Superintendent
	Lori Williams	Parks Director

Others Present: Don Van Altena, Interested Citizen

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

Approval of Minutes. Supervisors Bussie and Fox moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Supervisor Bussie asked that an item be placed on the next agenda regarding WCHA legislative activities.

## **PARKS ACTION ITEMS**

Parks Director Report. Lori reported the RFQ for the POROS Plan went out and three replies were received. She is reviewing them and it will come to this Committee on the next agenda. Parks patrol workers have been doing a lot of snowplowing for the Highway Division. No tree work yet in any of the parks.

Parks Advisory Committee Remarks. Chair Yankee congratulated Tom Presny on his upcoming retirement from the City of Janesville.

Tom Presny reported there were 20 attendees at the ski/snowshoe/hike at Sportman's Park last Friday.

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Dean showed the Committee the signs that will be put on the Janesville-Beloit Trail thanking the major donors: Bjoin Limestone, Michaels Cycles and Rock Trail Coalition as well as signs recognizing the landowners who donated easements: Bill Wieland, Skip Hoffman and Diane Liptow.

Floyd stated the turnout at Sportsman's was small but he did hear comments about how beautiful the park looked with all the candles.

Approve Alcohol Permit for Turtle Community Organization's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration at Sweet-Allyn County Park. Their celebration will be held June 27-29. Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved the permit. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Landowners Agreement. Supervisors Arnold and Fox moved the agreement. Lori explained this agreement will lend us the brush cutter that goes on the skidsteer. This turns brush into mulch and will be used at Gibbs Lake Park. MOTION CARRIED.

Lori reminded everyone of the snowshoe hike at Beckman Mill County Park Friday, February 14.

#### **AIRPORT ACTION ITEMS**

Approve Airport House Lease. Supervisors Fox and Bussie moved the lease for one year. MOTION CARRIED.

#### **HIGHWAY BUSINESS**

Approve Change of Access Use on Controlled Access Highway (CTH N) – Van Altena. Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved the request. Ben explained this request changes the use from field entrance to private entrance. This would be a shared driveway for two private entrances instead of one field and one private entrance. Mr. Coopman recommends approval of the request. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Purchase of Equipment. Supervisors Fox and Bussie moved the request to purchase one Bobcat T870 for \$66,000 from Bobcat of Janesville. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Resolution for Relocation Order for Construction of CTH BT. Supervisors Arnold and Richard moved the resolution. Ben explained there are two homes that will have to be relocated. MOTION CARRIED.

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Approve Resolution, Transportation Project Plats for County Trunk Highway G (CTH G), Huebbe Parkway to Philhower Road. Supervisors Fox and Bussie moved the resolution. Ben explained the process of this project plat. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Garage Area Lease Renewal of with Town of Clinton. Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved to renew the lease with the Town of Clinton for \$16,500 annually. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Change Order #1 Van Brocklin Electric for Garage Relighting Project. Supervisors Arnold and Richard moved the change order for \$2,500 to cover the installation of additional lighting and control circuits and installing the additional lighting fixtures. Discussion on bidding procedure took place. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Out of State Travel for Training Report. Supervisors Fox and Richard moved the report. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Bridge Aid Request Town of Newark for \$7,083. Supervisors Arnold and Richard moved the bridge aid request on West Grove School Road. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Bridge Aid Request Town of Milton for \$3,818. Supervisors Fox and Bussie moved the bridge aid request on Clear Lake Road. MOTION CARRIED.

Cancel Vouchers #1-75 and \$1512-1630 & Approve Bills, Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments and Transfers (Airport for snowplow damage to SC Aviation for \$1,650) (Motor Pool #80 insurance proceeds). Supervisors Fox and Bussie moved the vouchers and transfers. MOTION CARRIED.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Discuss Disposal of Surplus Road Right of Way. Ben discussed surplus right of way and the possibility of developing a policy to deal with it. Discussion. Supervisor Richard suggests find out how other counties deal with it.

Discuss Policy on Charging Administrative Fee for County Bridge Aid Projects. Ben discussed possibly adding a fee to cover the Superintendent's time on estimating these projects. The Committee would like to discuss this with the Towns at the town meetings coming up this spring. Discussion on winter maintenance took place.

Discuss Snowplowing on Tarrant Road – Towns of Johnstown and Harmony. Ben informed the Committee of a phone call he received from the Town of Harmony Chair. Residents who live on Tarrant Road section that is covered by

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the Town of Johnstown are unhappy with the snowplow service they receive from them. Discussion. The Committee felt that any work we do would have to be on a time and materials basis, not the contract rate.

Discuss CTH BT and CTH G Project Status. Ben stated 45% of the design work is done on the CTH BT project and 60% is done on the CTH G project. Discussion on projected costs took place. The contract with the State is for \$23 million, leaving almost \$8 million difference. The state has frozen their portion and the County portion could be increase substantially. Ben stated that more estimates are forthcoming and numerous options must be evaluated. Discussion took place on these projects.

Next Meeting Date. Ben announced there will not be an airport meeting this month, but there will be a highway meeting here on Tuesday, February 25. The combined March highway and parks meeting will be held Tuesday, March 11.

Adjournment. Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved to adjourn at 10:00 a.m.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton  
Secretary II