

Public Works Committee Minutes  
Thursday, August 12, 2010 – 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, Diestler, Fox and Yankee

Committee Members Absent: None

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

Others Present: Hal Goeller, Falling Creek Homeowners Association  
Glen Holcomb, Falling Creek Homeowners Association  
Larry Wiedenfeld, Supervisor-Rock County Board  
Marv Vike, Local 1077 President  
Troy Devault, Local 1077 Vice-President

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

Approval of Minutes of July 8, 2010. Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved the minutes of July 8. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Mr. Coopman let the Committee know that design of CTH M is being worked on at the east county line. He will be meeting with the two adjoining Town Boards this week and next to introduce the project to them.

## **HIGHWAY BUSINESS**

Consider Request from Town of Union for Early Termination of 2010 Local Road Maintenance Agreement. Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved the request. Mr. Coopman recommends approval, subject to them paying the pro-rated amount due of \$141,991.73. They would have the option to hire the County DPW to do some maintenance and construction projects to work off this obligation. Discussion. MOTION CARRIED.

Consider Request form Falling Creek Association for Turn Lane on CTH D. Supervisors Arnold and Fox moved the request. Mr. Coopman discussed the request of putting back a turn lane on CTH D at Falling Creek Drive. Falling Creek Drive is a privately owned roadway. Supervisor Wiedenfeld represents this area and spoke in favor of putting the turn lane back in. Mr. Goeller and Mr. Holcomb,

both Falling Creek Association members, along with Supervisor Wiedenfeld, questioned why this turn lane was not put back in when the road was reconstructed in 1997. Mr. Coopman explained the road was constructed to then current standards in 1997 and the turn lane for a private entrance was not acceptable at that location. Discussion. Mr. Coopman stated there is a maintenance issue at this location and if we blacktopped the gravel area, it would solve the problem. The Committee suggested that Mr. Coopman come up with a solution and bring it back to the next meeting for action. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Resolution Recognizing Larry Nehls. Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved the resolution. MOTION CARRIED.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Update on Discussion with Towns Re 2011 Annual Road Maintenance Contract Including Resolutions by Rock County Towns Association. Mr. Coopman discussed the resolutions included with the agenda packet from the Towns Association. One of the resolutions relates the Towns Association sentiment that they are being double-billed for snowplowing and winter maintenance and that these services should be covered by the general taxes they already pay to the County. The other resolution endorses seeking a collective bargaining contract with Local 1077 with no increase in wages and benefits in 2011. Mr. Coopman submitted the DPW budget request for 2011 with a \$75/mile rate increase for winter maintenance and a zero increase in routine maintenance for the Towns. Mr. Vike stated his displeasure with the Town's resolution concerning wage increases. Conversations with the Town representatives about possible contract revisions will continue. Discussion.

Next Meeting Date. Thursday, September 9. There will be a meeting with all 14 towns under contract to discuss the 2011 and beyond Annual Road Maintenance Contracts on Wednesday, September 29 at 6:30 p.m., location to be determined.

Cancel 2010 Vouchers #772- #906. Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved the vouchers. Several questions on the bills were answered. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment. Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved to adjourn at 10:15 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton  
Secretary II