

Public Works Committee Minutes  
Tuesday, September 8, 2015 – 8:00 a.m.  
Public Works Department Committee Room

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

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

Committee Members Absent. None

Staff Members:	Duane Jorgenson	Ass't. to the Public Works Director
	Deb Lawton	Secretary II
	Lori Williams	Parks Director

Others Present:	Floyd Finney	Parks Advisory Committee
	Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Committee
	Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Committee

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

Approval of Minutes of August 11 and August 13, 2015. Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Duane asked the Committee if they would be interested in attending/hosting a Wisconsin County Highway Association meeting. They requested more information before making a decision.

## **PARKS BUSINESS**

Approve Resolution Acceptance of Rock River Trail Initiative Council Commending Efforts of the Friends of Beckman Mill, Incorporated, at Beckman Mill County Park on their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved the resolution. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Resolution Acceptance of Rock River Trail Initiative Council Memorandum of Understanding for Terms and Conditions of the Signing, Installation and Maintenance of the Rock River Trail Scenic and Historic Route. Supervisors Richard and Fox moved the resolution. MOTION CARRIED.

Parks Director Report. Lori showed photos from the Beloit-Janesville trail. She stated a new toilet has been put in at Sweet-Allyn County Park and new playground equipment will be going in at Sportsman's Park in the very near future. The roof is being replaced on the Turtle Creek Parkway building.

She discussed a request from Thibeau Hunting Club asking the County to pave or pay for paving of the gravel area next to their road as boaters from Royce Dallman County Park are blocking

access to their road. This will be placed on a future agenda for discussion after more details have been researched.

Parks Advisory Committee Remarks. Dean Paynter stated they will apply for a grant in 2016 to put down crushed stone on the Janesville-Beloit Trail. He also stated Happy Hollow Park looks beautiful after the recent new paving of the road there. Floyd stated the equine obstacle course at Gibbs Lake County Park is drawing many good comments.

## **HIGHWAY BUSINESS**

Approve Resolution Authorizing a Revised County Municipal Agreement between Rock County and City of Janesville for Construction of a Commercial Access onto County Highway G (Beloit Avenue). Supervisors Fox and Richard moved the resolution. This resolution authorizes a revision to the existing County-Municipal Agreement between Rock County and the City of Janesville for the design and construction of Innovation Drive and adds this new access. The City is the main beneficiary of the new access construction. WisDOT has also declined to fund any of the extra lane or related CTH G modifications required as a result of installation of this new Commercial Access.

The City is being asked to pay 100% of the additional design, real estate and construction costs on CTH G associated with accommodating construction of Innovation Drive and this new Commercial Access. The new development is projected to add millions of dollars in tax base and over 500 new jobs to the area.

MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Ranking of Bridge Engineers for Hwy M and Smith Road Bridge Projects. The Committee wondered if a representative from the Town of La Prairie or Turtle might be interested in ranking these engineers. Duane explained they had been invited, but received no response from them. The Committee would like to have an additional evaluator complete the ranking. Supervisors Fox and Bussie moved to table this item until the October 8 meeting.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Bridge Aid Request – Town of Bradford – E. Larsen Road for \$4,680. Supervisors Arnold and Fox moved the bridge aid request. MOTION CARRIED.

Cancel Vouchers #941-#1072 Approve Bills, Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments & Transfers. Supervisors Fox and Driscoll moved the vouchers. MOTION CARRIED. Supervisors Fox and Richard moved the Transfer Request from the Airport for \$6,000. MOTION CARRIED.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Discussion on hosting a Wisconsin County Highway Association meeting. Supervisor Richard asked for a previous agenda from one of these meetings. Chair Bussie would be interested in attending.

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Next Meeting Date. The next highway meeting will be highway meeting will be Thursday, October 8 and the parks meeting will be Tuesday, October 13 at 8:00 a.m.

Tour Main Shop and Facilities. Postponed.

Adjournment. Supervisors Richard and Fox moved to adjourn at 9:07 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton  
Secretary II