

Public Works Committee Minutes  
Thursday, February 11, 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, Ott, and Yankee

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Ben Coopman, Public Works Director  
Deb Lawton, Secretary  
Harold Mayer, Public Works Superintendent  
Neil Pierce, Public Works Superintendent

Others Present: Mary Beaver, Rock County Board Supervisor  
Wayne Udulutch, Chair, Town of Center  
Ted Phalin, Supervisor, Town of Center  
George Franklin, Supervisor, Town of Union  
Don Krajeck, Supervisor, Town of Union

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

Approval of Minutes of January 14, 2010. Supervisors Bussie and Ott and moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Mr. Coopman discussed the Forward Janesville's newly formed NOW Coalition to upgrade I39/90. He has volunteered his services to the group.

Mr. Coopman related the tanker rollover incident on the Interstate during the recent snowstorm.

## **HIGHWAY BUSINESS**

Approve Resolution Awarding Contract for Roof Replacement at Department of Public Works. Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved the resolution. Mr. Coopman explained the details of the resolution to the Committee. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve 2010 Discretionary Traffic Maintenance Agreement. Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved the agreement. Mr. Coopman explained this is a routine practice done every year. MOTION CARRIED.

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9:00 a.m. Meet with Town of Center Officials Concerning Local Road Maintenance Contract. Town Chair Udulutch and Town Board Supervisor Phalin joined the meeting. Chair Yankee discussed changes that may be made and stated this Committee may not offer the Town of Center a Local Road Maintenance Contract for 2011. We can no longer afford to do their work. Mr. Coopman distributed information showing the Town of Center is behind in their contract with the County. Town Chair Udulutch stated they could not make a decision on this until they have a town board meeting. He also stated they are looking at going on their own, but no decisions have been made.

Chair Yankee stated we have had a lot of differences along the way and they would be more satisfied on their own where they would have total control. He wished them well in their future endeavors. Discussion. Mr. Coopman stated if they want to end the contract early, the Committee would consider their request. The contract can be ended before the end of the year by mutual agreement. More discussion.

Mr. Udulutch and Mr. Phalin departed.

9:30 a.m. Meet with Town of Union Officials Concerning Local Road Maintenance Contract. Town Board Supervisors Krajeck and Franklin joined the meeting, stating Town Board Chairman Kendall Schneider could not attend today. Mr. Coopman distributed information showing the Town of Center is behind in their contract with the County.

Chair Yankee discussed changes that may be made and stated this Committee may not offer the Town of Union a Local Road Maintenance Contract for 2011. We can no longer afford to do their work. Town Board Supervisor Franklin asked if this decision is being made by the entire County Board and Chair Yankee stated this Committee has the authority to make the decision. Chair Yankee stated July 1 is the deadline for not offering a contract for 2011. If the Town wants to end the contract earlier, it can be considered by this Committee.

Mr. Franklin asked if the County is discontinuing service to all towns and Chair Yankee replied no. We do not have agreements with all the towns. Mr. Franklin felt that was discriminatory.

Mr. Coopman went over the cost figures for 2009. Discussion on the sealcoat request from last year took place. The Highway Division ordered the rock for the job and mobilized the equipment only to be canceled out two days before beginning the job because the Town had decided on a private contractor.

After going over the 2009 figures, Mr. Franklin stated the Town does not have that kind of money to spend.

Mr. Krajeck and Mr. Franklin departed.

Discussion and Possible Action on Future Local Road Maintenance Contracts. No action taken.

## **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

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2010 Paving Projects. Mr. Coopman discussed changing the scheduled work for 2010 paving. He wants to include CTH M from Evansville to Tolles Road, CTH B, CTH KK and West CTH A from STH 213 to the county line. This will be placed on a future agenda for action.

Mr. Coopman went over the resolution regarding highway carryover funds with the Committee that will be considered at the County Board meeting tonight.

Neil Pierce and Hal Mayer departed.

Next Meeting Date. Wednesday, March 10, will be the next highway meeting, as Supervisor Diestler cannot attend March 11.

Cancel 2009 Vouchers #1662-#1748 and 2010 Vouchers #1 - #60. Supervisors Diestler and Bussie moved the vouchers. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment. Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton  
Secretary