

Public Works Committee Minutes
Thursday, December 10, 2009 – 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

Others Present: None

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

Approval of Minutes of November 12 and November 24, 2009. Supervisors Ott and Bussie moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Diestler arrived.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Mr. Coopman reported we have not finished snowplowing yet. This was a huge storm with up to 16" of snow in some places. We had to push downed trees and limbs off the road and we could not snowplow where power lines were down. Towns have not kept up with brushing and this is a result of that lack of maintenance.

We had three trucks stuck in a row and were towed. We did the best we could with what we had. Plowing should be done today. Mostly subdivisions have not been plowed.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Approve Resolution Jurisdictional Transfer of CTH M, Town of Milton. Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved the resolution. This transfer deletes 0.84 miles of CTH M between Milton-Harmony Townline Road and the old STH 59 (High St.). MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Resolution Amending 2009 Budget for Costs to Install Signage Designating CTH G as Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Highway. Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved the resolution. This resolution transfers a portion of the donated money for this project from a balance sheet account to the Department's 2009 operating budget. MOTION CARRIED.

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Consider Bridge Aid for Town of Spring Valley. Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved the bridge aid request for Spring Valley Road in the amount of \$11,359 to be split 50/50 with the Department of Public Works. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Transfer Requests for Insurance Recoveries from the County's General Fund to the Public Works Department and Motor Pool. Supervisors Ott and Arnold moved the transfer request. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner's Report

- The new Parks/Highway Patrol Worker, Rob Dallman, starts Monday, December 14.
- Mr. Coopman reported the Public Works' employees have been doing a good job doing what they can with what they have with the recent heavy snowstorms. He discussed the fact that we have 50 plow trucks and only 2-3 trucks are replaced each year, meaning some of our trucks are 25-years old. We are not replacing equipment fast enough.

Next Meeting Date. Thursday, January 14, will be the next highway meeting.

Cancel 2009 Vouchers #1392-#1525. Supervisors Bussie and Diestler moved the vouchers. MOTION CARRIED.

AIRPORT BUSINESS

Approve Agreement Between Hendricks Commercial Properties, LLC, Riverside Community Bank and Rock County. Mr. Coopman reported Ron Burdick, Airport Director, could not attend today's meeting. Supervisors Ott and Arnold moved the agreement. Supervisor Diestler wondered why Homeland Security language is not included in this agreement amendment. The Airport Director will be notified of Supervisor Diestler's question. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve 2010 Airport Lease and Rental Rates. Supervisors Diestler and Arnold moved the Airport Director's recommendation for a 0% increase in leases and rents in 2010. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment. Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton
Secretary