

Minutes
Public Works Committee
Thursday, October 15, 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
Lori Williams, Parks Director

Others Present: Neil Deupree, Diversity Action Team
Robert Fizzell, County Board Supervisor
Anna Marie Johnson, County Board Supervisor

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Arnold and Ott moved the agenda, placing item 5d just after Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2009. Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Mr. Coopman distributed request that came in for an overweight/oversize permit on a Class B highway. Discussion on permitting took place.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Consider Resolution Designating CTH G as Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Highway. Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved the resolution.

Discussion on signage took place. Mr. Deupree discussed cost and maintenance of the signage. He has \$2,360 to turn over to the County for these items. Supervisor Johnson credited Mr. Deupree with moving this forward.

MOTION CARRIED.

Consider Resolution Awarding Contract for Salt Storage Building at Department of Public Works and Amending the Department's Budget. Supervisors Arnold and Ott moved the resolution.

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Mr. Coopman displayed a map showing the proposed location. He attended the Ag Committee meeting last night as the location includes a portion of the land under their control. The Ag Committee voted down allowing the use of that property for the salt shed. Discussion on alternate sites took place.

Supervisor Diestler arrived.

Mr. Mayer discussed the preferred site location with the Committee, that being the location that includes agricultural land and the reasons for that location. The location of the high-pressure gas line was also discussed.

MOTION CARRIED with Supervisor Diestler dissenting and Supervisor Ott abstaining. Supervisor Diestler changed his vote to aye. Supervisor Ott also changed his vote to aye. The motion was carried unanimously.

Parks Director Williams departed.

Consider Resolution Approving Lease Agreement with Consolidated Koshkonong Sanitary district for Radio Tower Space. Supervisors Ott and Arnold moved the resolution. Supervisor Bussie asked why the lease fee was only \$1 per year and Mr. Coopman replied it is another government entity and is taxpayer funded.

MOTION CARRIED 4-1 with Mr. Diestler dissenting because he wanted more space on the tower for county equipment.

Consider Resolution Authorizing Sale of Tiffany Pit to the Town of La Prairie. This resolution was approved at last month's Public Works Committee meeting.

Consider Recommendation of Engineer on Road Construction on CTH A West. There was nothing new to report on this item.

Consider Bridge Aid Petition from Town of Turtle – Colley Road - \$23,000 and Town of Avon – Nelson Road - \$41,034. Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved the petitions. MOTION CARRIED.

Confirm Attendance at Southwest Region Annual Maintenance Conference on October 30 in La Crosse County. Supervisor Ott stated he plans to attend.

Consider Amendment to County Administrator's Recommended 2010 Highway Budget. The Committee discussed the 2010 highway budget as proposed. No amendments were offered.

Commissioner's Report

- Discuss 2010 Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA) with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Mr. Coopman discussed the RMA that is \$166,000

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less than 2009. Some counties have refused to sign this agreement but do the work anyway. Discussion on signing the RMA took place.

- Discussion on Possible Revisions to Annual Local Road Maintenance Contracts.

The rates in the recommended 2010 budget were discussed:

<u>Item</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
Winter Mileage Charge Rate/Mile	\$ 750	\$ 850	\$ 100
Routine Mileage Charge Rate/Mile	<u>\$1,675</u>	<u>\$1,700</u>	<u>\$ 25</u>
Total Mileage Charge Rate/Mile	\$2,425	\$2,550	\$ 125

<u>Item</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Change</u>
Construction Aid	\$7,000	\$5,000	(\$2,000)

He also discussed recouping a portion of the superintendent's time from the towns. Right now, they are not charged at all for any supervisory time. Winter maintenance costs were also discussed. Mr. Coopman discussed the pros and cons of retaining all the towns now under contract. Superintendents Mayer and Pierce discussed the amount of time they spend working with various town officials.

Supervisors Arnold and Bussie departed.

Discussion took place on Local Road Maintenance Contracts for 2011.

Mr. Coopman distributed preliminary data on winter maintenance costs for the past few years.

Next Meeting Date. Thursday, November 12, will be the next highway meeting.

Cancel 2009 Vouchers #1082 - #1244. Supervisors Ott and Diestler moved the vouchers. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment. Supervisors Diestler and Ott moved to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton
Secretary