

Public Works Committee Minutes
Thursday, January 14, 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 Bussie, Diestler, Ott, and Yankee

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Arnold

Staff Members Present: Ben Coopman, Public Works Director
Deb Lawton, Secretary
Harold Mayer, Public Works Superintendent
Neil Pierce, Public Works Superintendent
Kyle Schultz, Public Works Superintendent
Mike Turk, Shop Superintendent

Others Present: None

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Ott and Diestler moved today's agenda swapping items 5. and 6., and adding an item on Automated Vehicle Locating Systems to the Commissioner's Report. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of December 10, 2009. Supervisors Bussie and Ott and moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. None.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Discuss 2011 Local Road Maintenance Contract. Mr. Coopman discussed the challenges with servicing some of the towns during the winter months while matching up the equipment and staffing levels the rest of the year. Ben reported the City of Evansville plowed a couple of subdivision streets in the Town of Union for the County during the blizzard in December just to match up the snow plowing workloads. He would like the Committee to consider reevaluating entering the contracts with some of those resource challenged towns in 2011. Discussion. The Committee requested he confer with the County Administrator and bring back some recommendations.

Automated Vehicle Locating Systems. Mr. Coopman along with Mr. Turk and Mr. Schultz attended the roll-out of this pilot project system. This would go on winter equipment used on state roads. WisDOT hopes to save on salt using this system. Discussion on cost of equipment and maintenance of this equipment took place.

The Superintendents departed after this item.

Approve Orfordville Pit Lease. Supervisors Ott and Bussie moved the lease between Rock County and Mr. Suer for the Orfordville Pit for \$4,400 for 2010. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Out-of-State Travel Memo. Supervisors Diestler and Bussie moved the memo. MOTION CARRIED.

Next Meeting Date. Thursday, February 11, will be the next highway meeting.

Cancel 2009 Vouchers #1526-#1661. Supervisors Diestler and Ott moved the vouchers. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment. Supervisors Diestler and Bussie moved to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton
Secretary