

Public Works Committee Minutes
Thursday, September 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: Ron Burdick, Airport Director
Ben Coopman, Public Works Director
Deb Lawton, Secretary

Others Present: Brian Brugger, Monroe Truck
Brian Williams, Northland Equipment

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Arnold and Ott moved the agenda, placing items 8a and 6a just after Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Supervisor Diestler arrived.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. None.

AIRPORT BUSINESS

Consider Resolution Awarding Contract for Update of Snowplow Controls. Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved the resolution. Mr. Burdick explained the need for this purchase. Supervisor Bussie asked if both bidders met the specs and Mr. Burdick replied, yes, they do.

Mr. Williams asked to address the Committee. He stated that there is a \$68 difference between his bid and Monroe Truck's bid. He wants to keep the business local and he is located in Janesville and has 20-25 employees. He also stated the Highway Division asked his company to remove the controls that came with other Highway Division vehicles from Monroe Truck and install the different equipment from Northland because the County was not satisfied with Monroe Truck's product.

Mr. Brugger stated this happened before his time as Monroe's sales rep for Rock Co. The controls he is offering are the same brand as they have furnished for the past several years. Monroe Truck has been in business since 1958. They have always appreciated Rock County's business. He apologized for not knowing the issue of which Mr. Williams spoke.

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Coopman explained to the Committee about the breakdown troubles the Department was having with the Monroe equipment for several years. He stated that Shop Superintendent Mike Turk and he had met numerous times with Monroe and requested remedy. After several seasons of continued problems with breakdowns and Monroe's inability to find a solution, the Department opted to remove the problem controllers and reinstall another brand. Northland just happened to be the current local supplier of that controller.

Discussion on accepting low bid took place. Supervisor Bussie asked if there are severe problems can the company be removed from the bidding list. Mr. Burdick will check on that. Mr. Burdick spoke with the Shop Superintendent and he indicated they had problems with Monroe Truck on service and had been changing over to the equipment Northland sells. More discussion.

Supervisor Diestler stated we have a responsibility to the taxpayer. Supervisor Bussie stated this discussion is not hanging on the amount of money but the equipment that is being installed. The past history has not been good.

Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved to amend the motion to award the bid to Northland Equipment for \$10,796, based on past history with Monroe Truck. MOTION CARRIED.

Ron Burdick departed.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Introduction of New Public Works Superintendent. Kyle Schultz was introduced to the Committee. He is the new Public Works Superintendent replacing Terry Staver who retired. Chair Yankee welcomed him.

Kyle Schultz departed.

Consider Lease Between Rock County and Town of Clinton – Garage Space. Supervisors Ott and Diestler moved the lease. The rent is increasing from \$13,000 to \$15,000 annually. Discussion on buying or building our own garage took place. Supervisors Ott and Diestler moved to table. MOTION CARRIED.

Consider Resolution Designating CTH G as Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Highway. Mr. Coopman has not had any contact from the group supporting this resolution regarding funding.

Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved to table indefinitely. MOTION CARRIED.

Consider Resolution Recognizing Service of Leonard Hoff. Supervisors Ott and Bussie moved the resolution. MOTION CARRIED.

Consider Reclassifying County Trunk Highways. Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved to reclassify county trunk highways as Class A. Mr. Coopman explained the rationale for this request.

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Vehicles and equipment continue to get heavier and more numerous. Department staff is being requested to issue more and more over-weight permits every year. Enforcement and prosecution of violations is difficult. The Department is building its road projects to higher standards as they are undertaken. Other roads are pretty well deteriorated and cannot be damaged much more than they already are. Supervisors Ott, Arnold and Diestler voted nay and Supervisor Bussie and Chair Yankee voted yea. MOTION DEFEATED ON A 3-2 VOTE.

Consider Name for New County Trunk Highway for Inman Parkway Project. Discussion on naming the new county trunk highway took place. Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved to name the new County Trunk Highway CTH BT. MOTION CARRIED.

Consider Resolution Approving Lease Agreement with Consolidated Koshkonong Sanitary district for Radio Tower Space. Supervisors Diestler and Arnold moved the resolution. Discussion. Supervisors Diestler and Arnold moved to table until the agreement is available for inspection. MOTION CARRIED.

Consider Resolution Authorizing Sale of Tiffany Pit to the Town of La Prairie. Supervisors Diestler and Arnold moved the resolution. Supervisors Diestler and Arnold moved to change item 4. from *current and asking price*, to *\$100*. MOTION CARRIED. A vote was taken on the original motion: MOTION CARRIED.

Consider Recommendation of Engineer on Road Construction on CTH A West. Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved the resolution. Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved to table until more information is available. MOTION CARRIED.

Commissioner's Report

Report on Access Permits for New Dean Hospital/Clinic on CTH J @ STH 11 in Janesville. Ben went over a map of the proposed facility and discussed various traffic issues.

Next Meeting Date. Thursday, October 15, will be the next highway meeting.

Cancel 2009 Vouchers #978 - #1081. Supervisors Ott and Bussie moved the vouchers. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton
Secretary

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