

Public Works Committee Minutes  
Thursday, July 8, 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, Fox and Yankee

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Ben Coopman, Public Works Director  
Craig Knutson, County Administrator  
Deb Lawton, Secretary  
Mike Turk, Shop Superintendent

Others Present: Larry Harding, Chair-Town of Plymouth  
Michael Moore, Chair-Town of Avon  
Larry Wiedenfeld, Supervisor-Rock County Board

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved today's agenda placing item 5b just after item 4. Supervisor Bussie mentioned being at a meeting where an item was moved up and later in the meeting citizens wishing to speak on the item appeared but were too late because it had been moved up. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of June 10 and June 15, 2010. Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved the minutes of June 10. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved the June 15 minutes. Supervisor Wiedenfeld pointed out "stated" should be "stayed" and "be" should be added after "would" in the third paragraph on page two. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Mr. Wiedenfeld stated the Falling Creek Association wants a relief lane put back in on CTH D. The relief lane was removed during construction several years ago and not put back in. This will be placed on the August 12 agenda for action.

Mike Turk arrived.

## **HIGHWAY BUSINESS**

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Discuss Comments and Suggestions from Towns at June 15, 2010 Meeting. Mr. Coopman met with three town representatives, Mr. Harding, Mr. Moore and Mr. Hamilton to discuss winter maintenance. Mr. Harding wants to work with the County and does not want to see DPW workers laid off because of the loss of town work. He discussed the various charges on a recent invoice received from the Public Works Department and wondered when would the equipment finally be paid for and why is the charge so high for small tools. He commented the Town pays taxes to the County and then they get billed for the work. They feel they are paying twice.

Mr. Moore stated there are 600 people and 44 miles of road in his township. Their tax base is diminishing. They have turned some roads back to gravel. He wants to work together with the County. Mr. Moore brought in his tax bill showing he pays as much to the County as he does to the Town.

More discussion took place. Mr. Coopman will be meeting with the three town representatives in the near future.

Mr. Knutson arrived. Mr. Harding departed.

Consider Purchase of Equipment. Supervisors Bussie and Diestler moved to purchase one Heavy-Duty 14,000 lb. Deck Over Trailer from low bidder, Johnson Trailer, for \$6,034. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved to purchase one Bobcat B8 chipper (\$10,700) and one Bobcat HS8 Spreader (\$4,700) with a combined bid price of \$15,400 from Bobcat of Janesville at current bid prices. MOTION CARRIED.

Mike Turk departed.

Approve Budget Transfer for DPW Building Energy Study Consultant. Supervisors Diestler and Arnold moved the transfer. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Reallocation of Budget Authority for DPW Salt Shed Pad. Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved to postpone the southwest parking lot paving project and use a portion of those funds for the salt shed pad project. MOTION CARRIED.

Consider Bridge Aid Requests from Town of Bradford on Emerald Grove Road and Creek Road. Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved the bridge aid requests for Emerald Grove Road for \$56,075 and Creek Road for \$1,675 split 50/50 County/Town. MOTION CARRIED.

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Rank Projects for 2011-2014 Federal Aid Local Bridge Program. Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved Ben's recommendation to apply for funds from the Local Bridge Program for the design of four bridges: Town of Bradford over Turtle Creek on Carvers Rock Road, City of Janesville on South Jackson Street over the Rock River; City of Beloit on Fourth Street over Lenigan Creek and CTH H over Bass Creek and construction of the same. Discussion on the ranking process took place. The recommended rankings are based on the Sufficiency Rating. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Moore departed.

Approve Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Access Permit and Executing a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Janesville for Access onto County Trunk Highway J for SARA Investments, LLC. Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved the resolution and moved to eliminate the field entrance on CTH J and a new entrance put in to the south on CTH J. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Resolution Recognizing Joseph Kleinhenz. Supervisors Bussie and Diestler moved the resolution. MOTION CARRIED.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Semi-Annual Report – Attendance at Conventions/Conferences. The memo was included with the agenda. No one from the Public Works Department attended any training, convention or conference that exceeded \$1,000 per event, per employee.

Next Meeting Date. Thursday, August 12.

Cancel 2010 Vouchers #628 - #771. Supervisors Bussie and Diestler moved the vouchers. MOTION CARRIED.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION PER SECTION 19.85(1)(c) PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF PUBLIC WORK DIRECTOR.

Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved to go into executive session. A roll call vote was recorded:

Supervisor Fox – yes  
Supervisor Diestler – yes  
Supervisor Arnold – yes  
Supervisor Bussie – yes  
Chair Yankee – yes

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MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

SUPERVISORS BUSSIE AND ARNOLD MOVED TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton  
Secretary II