

Public Works Committee Minutes
Tuesday, October 14, 2014 – 8:00 a.m.
Public Works Department Committee Room

Call to Order. Chair Bussie called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present. Supervisors Bussie, Driscoll, Fox and Richard

Committee Members Absent. Supervisor Arnold

Staff Members:	Ron Burdick	Airport Director
	Ben Coopman	Public Works Director
	Deb Lawton	Secretary II
	Josh Smith	County Administrator
	Lori Williams	Parks Director

Others Present:	Floyd Finney	Parks Advisory Committee
	Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Committee
	Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Committee

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Fox and Richard moved today's agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes. Supervisors Richard and Driscoll moved the minutes of September 9, 2014. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. None.

AIRPORT BUSINESS

Approve Voucher over \$10,000 to WisDOT (County Share Perimeter Road Construction \$93,000). Supervisors Richard and Fox moved the voucher. MOTION CARRIED.

PARKS BUSINESS

Approve Resolution Recognizing Daniel Cahill. Supervisors Fox and Richard moved the resolution. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Vouchers/Bills/Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments & Transfers. Supervisors Fox and Driscoll moved the transfer of \$2,899 to complete the painting project at the Airport. MOTION CARRIED.

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Parks Director Report. Lori reported 20 people attended the POROS public meeting last night.

The Gibbs Lake shelter located in the equestrian parking lot area has been completed. The Gibbs Lake parking lot is in the process of being paved.

The Delong property: Lori has left messages and has not received a reply back from them. Chair Bussie suggested sending a letter to them.

Chair Bussie asked Lori to arrange a tour of the parks. Chair Bussie invited the County Administrator to attend. Friday, November 14 was selected for the tour. This will be in place of our regularly scheduled meeting of Tuesday, November 11. We will meet here at 7:30 a.m. and cover parks north and west. We should return by noon.

Parks Advisory Committee Remarks. Floyd Finney stated the Gibbs Lake shelter grand opening went very well.

Tom Presny reported they visited with Visit Beloit and the Janesville Convention and Visitors Bureau personnel.

Dean Paynter reported the bridge was installed at Big Hill Park. This is part of the Beloit-Janesville Trail. More trail discussion took place.

Chair Bussie thanked the Parks Advisory Committee for the work they do.

Supervisor Richard asked when Parks would be getting on Facebook.
Discussion.

Dean stated there were comments last night on how well the parks are maintained.

PUBLIC WORKS BUSINESS

Review Highway, Parks and Airport 2015 Budget Request and Request Changes. Discussion on funding seasonal Parks employee took place. Discussion on adding personnel to the Parks took place. Committee consensus was to leave it as it is being proposed by the Administrator. Discussion on presenting the POROS plan to the County Board took place.

Ben Coopman stated there is a definite need and we want to fund our 2015 equipment purchases at \$1,557,000, including items 10-14 of the Department's list of items, not the recommended \$1,220,000. This equipment is funded

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through conversion of assets and then repaid through depreciation in subsequent years, not the current year tax levy.

Josh Smith stated the fiscal effect is felt in future years and anything purchased in 2015 would begin depreciating in 2016.

Supervisor Fox suggested cutting back on some of the equipment and finding compromises.

Ben suggested moving item nine, two State Tandem plow trucks totaling \$400,000 to number 14 on the list. Items number 10 through 13 would be moved up one place. This would keep our request at \$1,557,000, instead of \$1,220,000 and still include items 10-14 on the list shown in the Administrator's Comments for the 2015 Budget. If the State does not commit to having the additional trucks on the State routes, the Committee would not buy the trucks.

Supervisors Richard and Driscoll moved to request that Chair Bussie attend the Finance Committee and ask for approval of the changes discussed: moving item 9 – two State Tandems totaling \$400,000 to item 14 and funding items 10-14 on the 2015 Capital Equipment List totaling \$1,557,000 instead of the \$1,220,000 recommended by the County Administrator and only spending the \$400,000 if requested by the State. MOTION CARRIED.

Next Meeting Date. Thursday, November 13 at 8:00 will be the next Highway Meeting; Friday, November 14 will be the next Parks Meeting with a tour starting at 7:30 a.m.

Ben mentioned we are holding a Rodeo on Tuesday, November 11 and invited the Committee and the County Administrator to attend.

Adjournment. Supervisors Driscoll and Fox moved to adjourn at 9:35 a.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton
Secretary II