

Public Works Committee Minutes
Thursday, October 9, 2014 – 8:00 am
Department of Public Works Committee Room
3715 Newville Road-Janesville, WI

Call to Order: Chair Bussie called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:05 am.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Arnold, Bussie, Driscoll, and Richard

Committee Members Absent: Fox

Staff Members Present: Ben Coopman, DPW Director
Lori Williams, Parks Director
Duane Jorgenson, Assistant to DPW Director
Amy Thoni, DPW Cost Allocation Specialist

Others Present: None

Approval of Agenda: **Supervisors Arnold and Richard moved the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Minutes of September 23, 2014. **Supervisors Arnold and Driscoll moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements.

Ms. Williams reminded the committee of the Public input meeting for the POROS plan to be held Monday, October 13, 2014 at 6 pm. The meeting will be held at the Job Center in room H.

Enter Adam Pritchard, County engineer 8:08 am

Mr. Richard relayed a citizen complaint regarding the road condition of CTH Y between Janesville and Milton. Mr. Coopman reported that road repair funds have been requested for that section in the 2015 budget.

Mrs. Arnold asked for clarification regarding the rebuild of the I39/90, I43 and Hwy 81 interchange. Constituents are concerned about the businesses being cut off from traffic. Mr. Coopman clarified the plans for the interchange, including Hwy 81 exit from I43 will be at Hart Rd, and no change for I39/90 traffic to access businesses on STH 81.

Mrs. Bussie showed an editorial published in the 10/8/2014 edition of the Janesville Gazette that outlined the considerations taken when deciding to expand roads.

Highway Report from WCHA Board of Directors Meeting. Mrs. Bussie reported on the meeting on Monday, September 15, 2014. A copy of the minutes is on file for review during normal Highway Department hours.

HIGHWAY ACTION ITEMS

Approve Order for Removal of Encroachments on CTH G. **Supervisors Driscoll and Arnold moved to approve the order.** Mr. Coopman reported that as a condition to receiving Federal Aid monies, encroachments must be removed. The authority to order to remove encroachments is in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute 86.04. DPW staff will attempt personal service of the notices before mailing them to land owners.
MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Ordinance Authorizing the Repealing and Recreating of the Revised Specific Speed Limits Ordinance. **Supervisors Arnold and Driscoll moved to approve the ordinance.** **MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion and Possible Action on Sale of Road Salt to Private Entities. **Supervisors Arnold and Driscoll moved to approve Mr. Coopman's recommendation to follow state statute forbidding the practice.** **MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion and Possible Action on Setting a Special Winter Plowing Rate for Tarrant Road. **Supervisors Richard and Arnold moved to approve the special rate.** Tarrant Road, a six mile long border road between the towns of Harmony and Johnstown is plowed by Town of Johnstown and the county (as contracted by the Town of Harmony). Each plows a 3 mile section of the road. Residents of the Town of Harmony would like all of Tarrant Road plowed to the level of service received by the county. The special rate of \$1,500/mile/year is proposed to the cover costs to have the county plow the three miles in the Johnstown maintenance section.
MOTION CARRIED.

Cancel 2014 Vouchers #1087 - #1166 & Approve Bills, Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments and: **Moved by Supervisors Arnold and Richard.**
MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Voucher over \$10,000 (Tri-Cor Mechanical \$43,200): **Moved by supervisors Arnold and Driscoll.** **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Mr. Coopman informed the committee of an informational meeting to be held Thursday October 4, 2014 at the DOT office in Edgerton from 2 pm-6 pm regarding the planned I39/90 and Hwy 26 interchange.

Next Meeting Date Thursday November 13, 2014 will be the next Highway Meeting. The Parks Meeting may be combined with the Highway meeting on Thursday November 13, 2014 if there is not enough business to warrant a separate meeting.

Adjournment: Moved by Supervisors Arnold and Richard.
to adjourn at 9:37 am. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Thoni
Cost Allocation Specialist