

Public Works Committee Minutes  
Thursday, January 13, 2011 – 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 and Yankee

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Fox

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

Others Present: None

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved today's agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2010. Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Discussion on recently concluded statewide highway conference took place.

## **HIGHWAY BUSINESS**

Consider Town of Bradford's Drainage Complaint on USH 14 at Emerald Grove. Supervisors Diestler and Arnold moved Ben's recommendation to forward the request to the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Mr. Coopman explained the request to the Committee and photos of the location were viewed. Discussion. Mr. Coopman recommends going on record that this is not the responsibility of the County but we will forward the Town's concerns to the maintaining authority, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. MOTION CARRIED.

Consider Purchase of Equipment.

Supervisors Bussie and Diestler moved to purchase one Track Type Hydraulic Excavator from Brooks Tractor for \$170,225. Mr. Turk recommends this purchase; it is also low bid. MOTION CARRIED.

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Supervisors Diestler and Bussie moved to rebid the 4-Yard Wheel Loader at a later date. Mr. Turk recommends rebidding on a new or used unit later this year.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisors Diestler and Arnold moved to purchase one All Wheel Drive Grader with Plow and Wing from Brooks Tractor for \$253,772. Mr. Turk recommends this purchase and it is low bid. MOTION CARRIED.

Consider Bridge Aid Request from Town of La Prairie – Read Road - \$5,000.  
Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved the request. Mr. Coopman explained this bridge was put in the state budget as an earmark. The current bridge is not wide enough to carry farm equipment. Supervisor Arnold wanted it noted that she finds it difficult to replace a bridge that does not need replacing. MOTION CARRIED.

Consider Bridge Aid Request from Town of Bradford – Creek Road - \$4,450.  
Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved the request. MOTION CARRIED.

Consider Revisions to the Right-of-Way Vegetation Control Policy. Supervisors Bussie and Diestler moved the revised policy. Several changes were made to the policy, including adding the word *first* after the word *provides* in the third line of the first paragraph and removing the phrase, *at least one week*, from the second line of the second paragraph. Further discussion on the policy took place.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Consider Transfer Request of \$23,746.25 for Tractor Accident. Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved the request for \$23,746.25 and deleted the last sentence of the transfer form stating the tractor would be sold at auction. Mr. Coopman explained the tractor will be repaired, not replaced. MOTION CARRIED.

Consider Transfer Request of \$1,717.99 for Motor Pool Vehicle Accident.  
Supervisors Diestler and Arnold moved the transfer request. MOTION CARRIED.

"Workshop" with Towns on Annual Road Maintenance Agreements. Mr. Coopman and the Committee discussed possible items to be included in the workshop with the Towns.

Semi-Annual Report – Attendance at Conventions/Conferences. Attached to the agenda. No travel over \$1,000 per event per employee.

Next Meeting Date. Thursday, February 10.

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Cancel 2010 Vouchers #1442 - #1599 & Bills, Encumbrances, Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments. Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved the vouchers, bills, encumbrances, pre-approved encumbrance amendments. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment. Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted, •

Debra A. Lawton  
Secretary II

