

Public Works Committee Minutes  
Thursday, May 10, 2012– 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 8:40 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Arnold, Brown, Bussie, Fox and Yankee

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Ben Coopman, Public Works Director  
Eugene Dumas, Corporation Counsel  
Deb Lawton, Secretary

Others Present: Margaret Pulera, Interested Citizen  
David Viney, Town of Porter Chair

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

Approval of Minutes of April 12, April 23 and April 25, 2012. Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved the minutes. Supervisor Arnold stated the April 25 minutes should show Craig Wehinger as being from the Town of Clinton, not Newark. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Margaret Pulera spoke to the Committee about her concerns on the CTH M intersection project. She feels the design creates a major hazard. She cited accident statistics for the location and discussed her reasons for keeping the intersection the same as it is.

Supervisor Bussie reported the Wisconsin County Highway Association will be hosting Capitol Days on May 21 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Concourse Hotel in Madison.

## **HIGHWAY BUSINESS**

Consider Request from Town of Porter for Construction Aid in 2012. Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved approval of the request from the Town of Porter to receive the \$4,000 in construction aid for 2012. The current policy set in place on November 8, 2005 states that any town that does not have a contract with the County does not receive any paving/construction aid. That money would be redistributed to the other towns under contract. Discussion. Mr. Viney stated he does not feel it is fair that all towns do not receive this aid. Supervisor Bussie stated that is the policy. We could reopen this policy by putting it on a future agenda. Mr. Dumas told the Committee this policy is not unfair to your constituents as a whole. Mr. Viney has invited the County to quote on a blacktop job. If they are the lowest price, they will get the job. Mr. Coopman stated Porter Township owes over \$39,000 for snowplowing from 2010. Mr. Viney disagreed. He

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subsequently departed. Supervisor Bussie stated if you have a policy you should follow it or address the policy and change it.

Supervisors Arnold and Fox moved to deny the request from the Town of Porter and follow the current policy. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Fox departed.

Award Bid for Hot Mix. Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved to award the bid to Rock Road Companies for \$1,744,400 (35,600 tons). MOTION CARRIED.

Award Bid for Asphaltic Sealcoat Materials. Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved to award the bid to Henry Meigs, LLC for \$500,500 (200,000 gallons). MOTION CARRIED.

Award Bid for Pulverizing Contracts. Supervisors Bussie and Brown moved to award the contract to low bidder, The Kraemer Company, for \$28,500 for 9,100 square yards of pulverizing. MOTION CARRIED.

Consider Charging Records and Reports to Culvert Aid. Ben reported the State Statute 82.08(8) allows the County to charge for records and reports on all culvert aid projects. Discussion. Supervisors Arnold and Brown moved to include a 2% records and reports charge on culvert aid projects. Discussion. MOTION FAILED 3-1 with Chair Yankee voting aye.

Consider Creation of a Rock County Adopt-A-Highway Program. Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved to have Ben Coopman do limited research on an adopt-a-highway program for county highways. Discussion. MOTION CARRIED with Chair Yankee dissenting.

#### Commissioner's Report

Update on CTH M (east) Construction Project. Ben reported we are finishing up from Milton-Harmony Townline to Six Corners Road and continuing to CTH KK this year. We met with the Asphalt Pavers Association and are planning to fix the problem area on CTH M. We will then move to CTH A from Janesville to Burdick Road.

Next Meeting Date. Thursday, June 14 starting at the new time of 8:00 a.m.

Cancel Vouchers #370 - #500 and Approve Bills, Encumbrances, Pre-Approved Encumbrances, Amendments and Transfers (Insurance Proceeds). Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved the vouchers, bill, encumbrances, pre-approved encumbrances, amendments and transfer of insurance proceeds of \$1,387.50. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment. Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

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Debra A. Lawton  
Secretary II