

Public Works Committee Minutes
Thursday, March 10, 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, Fox and Yankee

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Ben Coopman, Public Works Director
Deb Lawton, Secretary
Gordon Beyerlein, DPW Accounting Supervisor

Others Present: William Brewer, Supervisor-Town of Turtle
Jon Schrader, Ho-Chunk Nation
Ted Walczak, Ho-Chunk Nation

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

Approval of Minutes of February 10, 2011. Supervisors Bussie and Fox moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. None.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Consider Purchase of Equipment. Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved to get it on the floor. Discussion. Mr. Coopman explained bids for the used 4-Yard Wheel Loader came in too high and recommends rejecting all bids at this time. Supervisors Fox and Bussie moved to reject all bids. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Resolution Recognizing Robert Hantke, Jr. Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved the resolution. MOTION CARRIED.

Consider Revisions to Design Options for CTH M and Countyline Road Intersection. Supervisors Diestler and Arnold moved Mr. Coopman's recommendation. In November 2010, this Committee selected the option to consolidate two access points for the town road onto CTH M into one. Staff then took a preliminary draft of this preferred option to the Town Boards of Johnstown and Richmond (Walworth

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County). These presentations were informational. Citizen concerns were received, especially in Johnstown.

Staff and the design consultant considered the comments and refined the design. Mr. Coopman showed the Committee these revisions. Discussion followed. Mr. Coopman recommends proceeding with the modified design for a single access point configuration as originally voted on at their November meeting. This project will be completed this summer. More discussion took place. MOTION CARRIED.

Consider Acknowledgement of Public Authority Responsibility (APAR). Mr. Schrader and Mr. Walczak explained this agreement allows the Bureau of Indian Affairs to help the County with road improvements under the Indian Reservation Roads Program, a grant funded program from the federal government. The list of roads that apply was included with the agenda packet and surround the 31-acre site that Ho-Chunk owns in the City of Beloit. Discussion. Mr. Coopman stated that the County Administrator and Corporation Counsel want more time to check on the agreement Rock County had entered into with the previous owners of the property, the Red Cliff Tribe and the Bad River Tribe. They also want to discuss this with the City of Beloit as that is the municipality where the property is located. Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved to table this until the next meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Annual Review of Highway Operations. Gordon Beyerlein arrived. Ben went over a PowerPoint presentation with the Committee regarding how DPW records its costs, sets its billing rates and other practices.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Set Meeting(s) with Towns Re 2011 Road Work and 2012 Local Road Maintenance Agreements. March 31 at 6:30 p.m. was chosen as the date to meet with the 13 towns under contract. We will check with other seven towns to determine if they are interested in meeting with the Committee.

Update on February 2, 2011 Snowstorm Video. Ben showed a video of snow removal following the February blizzard.

Set Public Informational Meeting on Bridge Project on CTH J Town of Turtle. This will be held Thursday, March 31 at the Courthouse Rooms N-1 and N-2 starting at 6:00 p.m.

Next Meeting Date. Thursday, April 14.

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Cancel 2010 Vouchers 1676 – 1681 and 2011 61-169 & Bills, Encumbrances, Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments and Transfers. Supervisors Bussie and Arnold moved the vouchers. There were no bills, encumbrances, pre-approved encumbrance amendments or transfers. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment. Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved to adjourn at 10:55 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton
Secretary II