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Public Works Committee – Highway Minutes

Thursday, July 13, 2017 – 8:00 a.m.

Public Works Department- Committee Room

3715 Newville Road

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

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

Committee Members Absent. Supervisor Richard.

Staff Members:

Amy Friend

Secretary II

Duane Jorgenson

Director of Public Works

Others Present:

Olivia Mikkelson

Concerned Citizen

Kailyn Packard

Concerned Citizen

J. Russell Podzilni

County Board Chair

Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Arnold and Fox moved today's Agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of June 8, 2017. Supervisors Driscoll and Fox moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. County Board Chair Podzilni discussed the nursing home and the problems with frequency from the air conditioning and heating system interfering with the resident's bracelet. Director of Public Works Jorgenson discussed the staff turnover in the Parks Department.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Discussion on Street Light Presentation/Request for CTH BT & CTH S Intersection. Oliva Mikkelson and Kailyn Packard introduced themselves. They had worked on a school project proposing to add a street light at the intersection of CTH BT & CTH S and were invited by Duane to present to the Committee. They presented the reasons they felt a street light was needed for the CTH BT & CTH S Intersection. They stated according to their research the cost of the street light would be \$2,000 - \$4,000. Discussion took place on if the intersection had an established safety issue. Duane will

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explore the costs and the accident history and bring this issue back to the Committee at a later date. Chair Bussie commended Olivia and Kailyn on getting involved in the community with this issue.

Olivia Mikkelson, Kailyn Packard and County Board Chair Podzilni departed at 8:14 a.m.

Discussion on Traffic Safety Study Program. Duane explained he had received information from an Engineering Firm SRF Consultants for a safety study program. They are performing a pilot plan for Barron County. They are the only county in the state of Wisconsin. The pilot program includes safety studies all over Florida. The study assesses intersections for potential safety issues. The zones are ranked in order of hot spots. Duane explained the estimated cost to evaluate the entire County would be \$35,000-\$50,000. Chair Bussie suggested Duane talk to the Barron County Highway Commissioner and get information from him to share with the Committee.

Discussion and Possible Action – Bridge Aid Request from Town of Center for West Mineral Point Road. Supervisors Fox and Driscoll moved to deny the bridge aid request. Duane stated all of the appropriated funds have been designated for other projects this year. Discussion took place on the procedure for applying for bridge aid. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Resolution to Approve Relocation Order for CTH F (North) Reconstruction Project. Supervisor Fox and Arnold moved the Resolution to Approve Relocation Order for CTH F (North) Reconstruction Project. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Awarding A Contract for Real Estate Acquisition Services for CTH F (USH 14 – Edgerton City Limits). Supervisors Fox and Bussie moved to award the contract for real estate acquisition services for CTH F (USH 14- Edgerton City Limits to Prairie Land Services, Inc. for \$98,120. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Rankings for Federal Aid Local Bridge Projects. Supervisors Driscoll and Fox moved to approve the rankings for federal aid local bridge projects. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion and Possible Action – Rankings for Federal Aid STP – Rural Projects on Bridge Aid Process. Supervisors Driscoll and Arnold moved to approve the rankings for federal aid STP – Rural Projects on bridge aid process. MOTION CARRIED.

Update and Discussion – DPW Project Status – Attached. Duane presented the DPW project status spreadsheet to the Committee to give them an idea of what projects DPW has been working on. Duane explained that despite the rain, we are only a couple weeks behind schedule.

Update and Discussion – Creek Road Bridge – Federal Aid Project. Duane explained that the project was almost dropped and the funding lost. After several meetings with the Town of Bradford and WisDot, the project has been extended for three years. They have until 6/30/2020 to get it designed and built. Duane stated the bridge has been closed since 2013.

Update and Discussion – CTH MM. Duane explained that we are on track for CTH MM. We are behind on real estate, but that shouldn't impact the project in a major way. Duane stated AT&T is creating challenges for us on this project. They were notified in Spring of 2016 that this project is coming and to plan for it. They notified us in May/June 2017 that they won't be able to relocate until October 2017. Duane notified the Public Service Authority and learned that have lost the authority and have no authority over AT&T. Duane then contacted the office of the president of AT&T and feels they are making progress on the issue.

Review of Payments. Review was completed

Next Meeting Date. The next Highway meeting will be Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

Adjournment. Supervisor Arnold and Driscoll moved to adjourn at 8:46 a.m. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Friend
Secretary II