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Public Works Committee – Airport and Highway Minutes

Tuesday, July 24, 2018 – 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 Bussie, Driscoll, Fox, Richard and Zajac.

Committee Members Absent. None.

Staff Members:

Nick Elmer

Assistant Director of Public Works

Amy Friend

Secretary II

Duane Jorgenson

Director of Public Works

Others Present:

Greg Cullen

Interim Airport Manager

Cynthia Hevel

Airport Specialist

Russ Podzilni

County Board Chair

Randy Terronez

Assistant to the County Administrator

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Zajac and Richard moved today's agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of June 26, 2018. Supervisors Driscoll and Fox moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements.

Mr. Jorgenson informed the Committee that the third Public Information Meeting about Prairie Avenue (County G) Roadway Improvement Project will be held on Thursday, August 2, 2018 from 5 -7 pm at the City of Beloit Utilities and Engineering Facility. A summary presentation will be held at 5:30 pm.

Mr. Jorgenson informed the Committee that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has created an E-update for local officials. If anyone is interested in being added to the distribution list, he can provide the WisDOT contact information.

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Mr. Jorgenson informed the Committee that the second round of interviews for the Parks Manager position were completed with four strong candidates and the position has been filled. The new Parks Manager will be John Traynor. He has been with Rock County for 14 years and attained his Parks and Recreation education from the University of Iowa.

AIRPORT BUSINESS

Report from Ad Hoc Committee on Airport Future – Information Only. Supervisor Fox stated the Ad Hoc Committee on Airport Future met five times and per the Resolution has compiled its recommendations into a report. The report was included in the Committee's packet. The Ad Hoc Committee was formed to review the implications of FAA I39 certification, economic development opportunities, management structure and operation and facility functions.

The Ad Hoc Committee has recommended the Airport continue to maintain the FAA Part I39 Certification. The annual cost to maintain this certification is approximately \$16,000. The Committee felt it was in the best interest to the government and public to maintain this certification.

The Ad Hoc Committee has recommended the Airport focus on developing business with aviation and non-aviation related activities. The Committee recommended transitioning to privatizing the T-Hangar business.

The Ad Hoc Committee recommends separating the airport operations from the Public Works. They recommend creating an Airport Board and having the Airport report to County Administrator and the Airport Board.

Supervisor Fox thanked Mr. Terronez, Mr. Cullen and Mrs. Hevel for all of their hard work on the Ad Hoc Committee.

Supervisor Zajac questioned why the Ad Hoc Committee was formed. Supervisor Fox stated the County Board voted unanimously to form an Ad Hoc Committee after the retirement of long-time Airport Director Mr. Burdick to view the Airport operations and future.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Resolution – Urging The Governor and Legislature to Pass Legislation to Sustainably Fund Wisconsin's Transportation System. Supervisors Zajac and Driscoll moved the Resolution Urging the Governor and Legislature to Pass Legislation to Sustainably Fund Wisconsin's Transportation System. Mr. Jorgenson stated the resolution was similar to the Just Fix It Resolution. Supervisor Fox stated he was not in favor of the Resolution and wants to make sure transportation dollars get spent on transportation projects. Discussion took place on transportation dollars and taxes. Supervisor Richard moved to table the Resolution Urging the Governor and Legislature to Pass Legislation to Sustainably Fund Wisconsin's Transportation System. Supervisor Fox seconded the motion. MOTION DENIED. Supervisor Zajac moved the original motion Urging the Governor and Legislature to Pass Legislation to Sustainably Fund Wisconsin's Transportation System. Supervisor Driscoll seconded the motion. MOTION DENIED.

4-1 with the following roll call vote. Noes – Supervisors Bussie, Driscoll, Fox and Richard. Ayes- Supervisor Zajac.

Resolution – Recognizing John Reid. Supervisors Fox and Richard moved the Resolution recognizing John Reid. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution – Approve Revised Relocation Order for CTH A (CTH M – E. County Line). Supervisors Fox and Driscoll moved the Resolution Approve Revised Relocation Order for CTH A (CTHM – E. County Line). Mr. Jorgenson stated this revision modifies real estate acquisitions due to changes in parcels and parcel boundaries occurring after the initial plat was completed. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion – Interstate Construction Update. Mr. Jorgenson provided the Committee with an update on the I39/I90 expansion. He stated they are on task with the schedule online and plan to be done in the fall of 2021. Discussion took place on the need for more staff and equipment when the expansion project is completed.

Discussion and Possible Action – Follow-up on Recommendations of Matrix Consulting Group – Public Works, Highway Division Study – Operations and Service Provision Section – Recommendation #4. Mr. Jorgenson stated this was the last item to be addressed for the Matrix Study. Mr. Jorgenson wanted to make sure the report was correct and accurate before moving forward with their recommendation. Mr. Jorgenson followed up with the Matrix Consulting Group after concerns with the data that was presented in the report and went over the numbers with them. After the numbers were reevaluated with them, they discovered a glitch in the spreadsheet they used. This glitch impacted the numbers significantly and they have changed their recommendation based on the data. Based on the data, no action is required and the County will continue with the current practice of purchasing pickup trucks instead of single-axle dump trucks. NO ACTION.

Discussion and Possible Action – Reallocation of County Highway Construction Funds. Supervisors Richard and Bussie moved the Reallocation of County Highway Construction Funds. Mr. Jorgenson explained that issues have risen regarding real estate and utility relocation work on CTH A. They have been slowed or delayed for various reasons. These will impact the timeframe of the project and significantly affect the construction budgeting and timing. Mr. Jorgenson recommended postponing the work on CTH A until next year and complete the work on CTH P that was scheduled in 2019. Discussion took place on the revised list of projects for 2018. MOTION CARRIED.

Review of Payments. Review was completed.

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Next Meeting Date. The next Highway meeting will be Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

Adjournment. Supervisors Zajac and Richard moved to adjourn at 9:03 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Friend
Secretary II