

Public Works Committee Minutes
Thursday, October 8, 2015 – 8:00 a.m.
Department of Public Works Committee Room
3715 Newville Road-Janesville, WI

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, Fox and Richard

Committee Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Ben Coopman, DPW Director
Lori Williams, Parks Director
Michael Turk, Shop Superintendent
Amy Thoni, DPW Cost Allocation Specialist

Others Present: None

Approval of Agenda: **Supervisors Arnold and Richard moved the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Minutes of September 8, 2015 and September 10, 2015. **Supervisors Richard and Fox moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements.

Lori Williams updated the committee on a request from Thiebeau Hunting Club to have a portion of their private drive way paved. This request was made to correct rutting and run off issues. Ms. Williams reported that we are unable to do work for private individuals, but would be paving the driveway into Royce-Dallman to improve the situation. Ms. Williams exited at 8:10 a.m.

HIGHWAY ACTION ITEMS

Approve Purchase of Equipment. **Supervisors Arnold and Driscoll moved to approve the Purchase.** Mr. Turk asked to table the issue of the pick-up truck to the next meeting. **Supervisors Fox and Bussie moved to amend the motion on the floor to table the purchase of the pick-up truck to the next meeting. MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Turk showed the committee the two types of Truck Mounted Hydraulic Brooms he had received bids for. Although the M-B Broom bid by Monroe Truck Equipment is higher than Northland Equipment by a total of \$468.00, Mr. Turk recommends accepting the higher bid. Rock County has all M-B Brooms in the fleet and currently has over \$10,000.00 in repair parts and broom heads in stock. Buying the Wausau Brooms would necessitate the purchase of another set of Wausau parts and heads at substantial cost. **MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED.**

Mr. Turk Exited at 8:40 a.m.

Approve Ranking of Bridge Engineers for CTH M and Smith Road Bridge Projects.

Supervisors Fox and Richard moved the approval. Mr. Coopman explained how the different proposals were rated. Mr. Coopman recommends that the Committee present these selections to WisDOT for concurrence: Ayres Associate for the Smith Road Bridge Project over Turtle Creek and K Singh & Associates Inc. for the CTH M Project over the Rock River in Indianford. Discussion ensued about the future disposition of the Smith Road Bridge. The bridge may be historical and need to be saved or repurposed. One potential use is to move it to the County of Rock's Sweet-Allyn Park to access a parcel of the park currently only accessible by water. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approve Resolution Amending DPW Budget to Authorize Renovations to the Shopiere Shed. **Supervisors Arnold and Fox moved the resolution.** The resolution is for costs associated with updating the electrical and light fixtures, and putting in a floor into the existing shed as well as paving portions of the gravel parking lot at a cost of \$41,700.

Enter Duane Jorgenson 8:50 a.m.

Paving more of the lot would cost \$58,200. Mr. Jorgenson presented the committee with aerial photographs of the shed area showing the differences between the two options. **Supervisors Arnold and Richard moved to amend the Resolution to reflect the cost of renovations at \$58,200.** The committee felt that paving the larger area now will prevent future washouts and drainage problems arising from having a gravel lot. **AMENDMENT CARRIED. MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED.**

Approve Reallocation of County Road Construction Funds- CTH Q **Supervisors Richard and Arnold moved to approve the reallocation.** These are adjustments in specific projects or contractual commitments for engineering work. An increase of \$50,000 to cover the costs of repairing badly deteriorated catch basins and curb and gutter on CTH Q was included. The State is paying for the cost of repairing the concrete bridge approach slabs on CTH Q over the Rock River. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Cancel 2014 Vouchers #1073 - #1212 & Approve Bills, Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments and Transfers: **Moved by Supervisors Richard and Fox. MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- a. CTH G and BT Completion Dates: CTH G is expected to be open in late November 2015. CTH BT is scheduled to open 2016 but may be open this year, depending on completion of the new bridge over Turtle Creek.
- b. It is unlikely the County will receive Federal Aid monies for the reconditioning, reconstructing and paving of the entire length of CTH F north of USH 14. Ben will look into the pros and cons of straightening out the curves and intersections along the affected route. The committee felt leaving the curves alone was a good idea as it slows down the traffic, leading to fewer accidents. CTH F hosts approximately 800 cars a day.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday November 11, 2015 at **10:30 a.m.** will be the next Highway and Parks Meeting. This meeting will be held at the Public Works Department Committee Room.

Tour Main Shop and Facilities Mr. Coopman escorted the committee members around the DPW shop and surrounding facilities.

Adjournment: **Moved by Supervisors Fox and Arnold** to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Thoni
Cost Allocation Specialist