

Public Works Committee Minutes
Thursday, May 14, 2015 – 8:00 a.m.
Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport
1716 West Airport Road – Voyager Room
Janesville WI 53546

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:	Ben Coopman	Public Works Director
	Duane Jorgenson	Assistant to the Public Works Director
	Deb Lawton	Secretary II
	Nick Osborne	Assistant to the County Administrator
	Lori Williams	Parks Director

Others Present:	Gerald Clifton	Interested Citizen
	Fred Church	Interested Citizen
	David Branz	Interested Citizen
	Doug Deegan	Interested Citizen
	Richard Arrowood	Interested Citizen
	Addison Vang	Interested Citizen
	Keith Hoffman	Interested Citizen
	David Karr	Interested Citizen
	Terry Nolan	MPO Coordinator
	Joyce Lubben	Director, Council on Aging
	Tom Presny	Parks Advisory Committee
	Floyd Finney	Parks Advisory Committee
	Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Committee

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Arnold and Richard moved the agenda, and Chair Bussie added 5b. Parks Advisory Committee Remarks. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of April 8 and April 14, 2015. Supervisors Arnold and Driscoll moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Chair Bussie thanked those in attendance for coming today.

PARKS BUSINESS

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Approve Resolution Authorizing Award of Contract for Sweet-Allyn Toilet Project. Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved the resolution awarding the contract to Huffcut Concrete of Chippewa Falls for \$38,230. MOTION CARRIED.

Parks Advisory Committee Remarks. Tom Presny discussed a meeting they held regarding the formation of a Turtle Creek Friends group. Fourteen interested citizens attended. Dean stated the group was more interested in forming a Friends of Turtle Creek group instead of just a Friends of Turtle Creek Parkway group.

Floyd had nothing additional to report.

Lori commented she is appreciative of their efforts. Chair Bussie stated this entire Committee thanks all the friends' groups for their work.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Discussion and Possible Action on Speed Limits in Afton Area. Supervisors Arnold and Fox moved to discuss and possibly act on speed limits in Afton area.

Mr. Arrowood discussed his concerns about the Afton Road speed limit and moving it from 25 MPH to 35 MPH. He felt there was a safety factor not considered – the amount of traffic increasing in the last six to twelve months and tractor trailer traffic has increased 30% in the last six months and there are bike lanes crossing the road.

David Branz spoke about the Plymouth Church Road intersection and wants the speed limit reduced.

Russ Aherns does not want a 55 MPH speed limit in Afton area. He cannot get out of his driveway located further south of Plymouth Church Road– it is not safe.

Keith Hoffman, of the Friendly Village Tavern, stated he sees people cross Afton Road daily between his business parking lot and the post office across the street and feels there are safety concerns. Wants to lower the speed limit to 25 MPH.

Jerry Clifton lives near the Town Hall. It is dangerous out there.

Fred Church agrees the speed limit needs to be lowered to 25 MPH.

Dean Paynter discussed where Beloit-Janesville Peace Trail crosses Afton Road. He is concerned about the speed limit at the top of the hill south of Plymouth Church Road. He suggested moving the 55 MPH speed zone sign north at Rockport Park and CTH D.

Ben went to the Town Board meeting a week ago and reviewed what we did and how we did it. He discussed how they ran radar on vehicles and discussed the outcome.

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Ben discussed the Plymouth Church intersection. He suggests flip-flopping the two warning signs for "Crossroad Warning" and "Speed Zone Warning" at that location.

More comments and discussion about vehicles speeding.

Dean Paynter asked if rumble strips are a feasible solution and Ben replied they are usually used for stop conditions, not slowing and, because the neighbors do not like the noise made by the vehicles crossing them.

Discussion on traffic study took place.

Chair Bussie thanked everyone for attending and expressing their concerns. She asked the Committee members what their thoughts are and all Committee members feel it should be looked at a second time and more traffic studying should be done.

Ben stated there are three issues for further investigation:

Plymouth Church and south area safety concerns
Do spot speed study between Noss and Bass Creek Road
Bike/Pedestrian Crossings in the whole Afton area

Ben suggested the possibility of putting up signs regarding the bike crossings.

Chair Bussie suggested having Ben take a look at this and bringing it back to the Committee for action at the Thursday, June 11 meeting here at the Airport Terminal Conference Room. Skip Hoffman will also post the agenda at the Friendly Village Tavern.

Discussion and Possible Recommendations on Resolution Opposing the State Budget Proposal for Transportation Alternatives Program Grant Funds and "Complete Streets" Legislation.

Supervisors Arnold and Fox moved this item. Comments from Terry Nolan followed. Ben discussed how this mandate adds cost to every project we do. Chair Bussie asked why Ben is not on the Transportation Coordinating Committee and Joyce Lubben stated it is specified in State Statutes who can be appointed to this committee and Public Works is not mentioned in any of the categories. Supervisor Richard stated he opposes every unfunded mandate the State passes. He stated this is a time for the County to take a stand against these mandates.

Chair Bussie and committee members did not approve of the entire procedure of this resolution. No action taken. Discussion only.

Approve Resolution Authorizing Contract for Public Works Highway Operation Study.

Supervisors Driscoll and Richard moved the resolution awarding contract of \$59,900 to Matrix Consulting Group. Nick Osborne discussed the procedures for choosing the consultant. Neither Parks nor the Airport is included in the study. Discussion. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Purchase of Equipment.

Supervisors Fox and Arnold moved to purchase:

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- One Ten-Ton Deck-Over Trailer from Nite Trailers for \$9,822
- One Dual GPS Controlled Motor Grader System from Fabco for \$76,000
- Two Quad-Axle Dump Bodies, Plows, Wings and Spreaders from Monroe Truck for \$211,190
- Two Tandem Dump Bodies, Two Spreaders, Plows, Wings and Under Body Blades from Monroe Truck for \$237,990
- Three Four-Wheel Drive Cabbed Tractors from Mid-State Equipment for \$193,500
- Three Six-Foot Ditch Bank Mowers from Johnson Tractor for \$29,961
- One Two-Wheel Drive Cabbed Tractor from Mid-State Equipment for \$51,345
- One Self-Propelled Pavement Cutter from Sherwin Industries for \$16,438

All recommendations are low bid and are budgeted for. MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Policy on Permitting Pressurized Liquid Pipeline Crossings of County Trunk Highways. Supervisors Arnold and Richard moved the policy. No attachments were included with the agenda. Supervisor Richard moved, second by Fox to postpone until the next meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Cancel Vouchers #388 - #535 & Approve Bills/Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments & Transfers. Due to a technical difficulty, no attachments were included with the agenda. Action deferred to next agenda.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT. Ben reported the Town of Clinton is terminating their contract with the County at the end of 2015. Discussions took place on the transition from serving them and an alternate salt shed site on the south side of the County.

Next Meeting Date. The next meeting date will be Thursday, June 11 at 8:00 a.m. The June 9 Parks meeting will be canceled due to a conflict with the Summer Road School.

Adjournment. Supervisors Richard and Fox moved to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton
Secretary II