

Public Works Committee Minutes
Thursday, November 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, and Yankee

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Fox

Staff Members Present: Jim Babcock, Public Works Superintendent
Ben Coopman, Public Works Director
Deb Lawton, Secretary
Mike Turk, Shop Superintendent
Lori Williams, Parks Director

Others Present: Mark Gunn, Chair-Town of Rock
Dale Beutin, Northland Equipment

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

Approval of Minutes of October 13, 2011. Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Lori Williams distributed a copy of the article on the Beckman Mill boardwalk and trail project.

Ben introduced our newest Public Works Superintendent, Jim Babcock.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Consider Setting Alternative Rental Rate for Patrol Trucks for Towns. Supervisors Diestler and Arnold moved the request. Mr. Coopman distributed a spreadsheet showing hours of truck use by type to the Committee. Discussion. Ben stated there seems to be a trend that our workers use the pickup trucks about twice as many hours as patrol trucks. The patrol truck cost is more than \$24/hour more than that of the pickup truck. Mr. Gunn is asking for a rate reduction because other towns are being charged the pickup rate and he just wants to be charged the same as the other towns. Ben stated this would be a loss to the machinery

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operation that the County would have to absorb and would be a bookkeeping nightmare. Extensive discussion took place. Supervisor Bussie asked Mr. Coopman for his recommendation. Mr. Coopman stated that he has no firm figure to propose, but that if the Committee acts to create a special rate, it should have an ending date included. Whatever the Committee does today shifts costs. Options were discussed including placing this on the December 7 agenda for action to give Mr. Coopman more time to work up a recommendation. Mr. Gunn asked for action on what he is to pay on his bill now – the higher rate or the pickup truck rate. The Committee consensus was to put this whole matter on the December 7 agenda and that they had no problem with the Town of Rock short paying the truck portion of their bill until a final decision is made. The Rock Town Clerk will be notified of this consensus also.

Approve Change Order for 14' Platform Body and Crane for Bridge Crew. Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved the recommendation to amend the purchase the 14' platform body and crane from Northland Equipment for \$51,100. Mr. Beutin explained the first crane they bid on was no longer available. In its place, they are recommending a Ferrari 710-A1 at a higher cost of \$4,900. This crane has higher lifting capabilities. The amended cost of this truck and crane is still lower than the second lowest bid. Discussion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approve Resolution Authorizing Application with Focus on Energy for Grant Funds for Department of Public Works Energy Improvements. Supervisors Arnold and Diestler moved the resolution. This grant would reimburse \$8,758 to Rock County. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approve Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Replacement Roof at the Department of Public Works' Office. Supervisors Diestler and Bussie moved the resolution awarding the contract to low bidder, Mc Dermaid Roofing & Insulating Company of Rockford for \$57,166. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approve Resolution Awarding Contract for Uniforms, Shop Towels and Walk-Off Mats Department of Public Works Airport, Park, Highway 2012-2014. Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved the resolution awarding the bid to Aramark for \$6,683 for each year 2012-2014. The Committee would like information on bid consolidation for all county departments. Mr. Coopman will check with the Purchasing Division on this question. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner's Report

Report of Commissioner's Meeting Task Force. Ben discussed the results of this meeting including strategic planning.

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Roundabouts were discussed and a handout was distributed.

Snow Plow Driver Appreciation Day – Governor’s Proclamation. Attached to the agenda.

Next Meeting Date. The next highway meeting will be Wednesday, December 7 at 1:00 p.m. This is a change from the normal second Thursday of the month.

Cancel 2011 Vouchers #1086 - #1275 & Bills, Encumbrances, Pre-Approved Encumbrance (Roof Project), Amendments and Transfers. Supervisors Diestler and Bussie moved the vouchers, bill, encumbrances, pre-approved encumbrance (Roof Project), amendments and transfers. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment. Supervisors Arnold and Bussie moved to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton
Secretary II