

Public Works Committee Minutes  
Thursday, September 13, 2012 – 8:00 am  
Health Care Center Auditorium  
3530 N Cty Hwy F - Janesville, WI

Call to Order: Chair Yankee called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:02 am

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Brown, Bussie, Fox, and Yankee

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Arnold

Staff Members Present: Ben Coopman, DPW Director  
Amy Thoni, DPW Cost Allocation Specialist

Others Present: Russ Podzilni, Rock County Board; James Otterstein, Rock County P & D; Terry Thomas, Rock County Board; Garey Brusberg, citizen; Steve Kennedy, Rock Road Companies; Scot Krebs Twin City Farms; Amy Loudenberg, Wisconsin State Assembly; Dan Cunningham, Forward Janesville; Roger Anclam, Town of Turtle; Cathy Idzerda, Janesville Gazette; Margaret Pulera, citizen; Office of Rep. Amy Loudenberg staff member; Larry Arft, City of Beloit

Approval of Agenda: **Supervisors Bussie and Fox moved the agenda. MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Minutes of August 9, 2012. **Supervisors Brown and Bussie moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.**

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements.

Comments regarding the Preferred Alternative Route for the CTH G Connector Road. Mr. Scot Krebs of Twin City Farms addressed the committee. Mr. Krebs stated that he would prefer if the route took a more southerly route to lessen the impact of the loss of his farmland and the irrigation system of remaining tillable acreage.

Mr. Roger Anclam addressed the committee. Mr. Anclam stated that the Town of Turtle is against the proposed connector routes, but will be meeting later in the day with the City of Beloit to try to come up with alternate plans that satisfy both the Town of Turtle and the City of Beloit.

Mr. Dan Cunningham addressed the committee. Mr. Cunningham spoke in favor of the Inman Parkway expansion option, noting the benefits to the northeast side of Beloit, south side of Janesville and the increased efficiency of moving truck traffic through those areas.

Mr. Garey Brusberg addressed the committee. Mr. Brusberg, a resident with a home on Inman Parkway, felt that too much truck traffic would be utilizing the residential area of Inman Parkway and was against Alternative B. Mr. Brusberg also noted he felt residents of Inman Parkway did not receive enough communication regarding the project potential.

Mr. Larry Arft addressed the committee. Mr. Arft outlined the benefits of the traffic impact to the City of Beloit and surrounding areas by choosing Alternative B. He assured the committee that the city of Beloit would not seek to annex the land adjacent to the bypass route.

Ms. Amy Loudenberg addressed the committee. Ms. Loudenberg urged the committee to weigh the concerns of local farmers and the impact the bypass would have on the farming community.

Mr. Terry Thomas addressed the committee. Mr. Thomas expressed his preference for Alternative A noting that Mr. Krebs proposal may be a better alternative, but conceded that the Krebs proposal needs further study.

## **HIGHWAY BUSINESS**

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Discussion and Recommendation on Designating a Preferred Alternative Route for the CTH G Connector Road: Committee Chair Yankee moved to recommend Alternative B as the preferred route. Seconded by Supervisor Bussie. Mr. Coopman outlined the differences in the three alternatives. He noted that WiDOT does not support Alternative C. Alternative A has a lesser impact to agricultural acreage. Mr. Coopman passed out a summary of opinions from the public information meetings to the committee.

Alternative A would not only serve as an alternate route for the I39/90 project, but also as a permanent alternate route. The route would not be used for oversized vehicles and would be designated as a controlled access highway. Any changes to the proposed routes would result in increased engineering costs. A decision would need to be made soon as there is a deadline of February 2014 to complete the project and receive the funds from the State of Wisconsin.

Supervisor Brown reminded the committee that County Board Policy is to preserve farmland in Rock County. He also questioned the cost of purchasing the Rights of Way for the project.

Supervisor Brown moved to amend the motion on the floor to recommend Alternative B to include the last sentence of Mr. Krebs' map.

**Motion died for lack of a second.**

Supervisor Brown requested a roll call vote on the original motion.

**A roll call vote was recorded:**

Supervisor Bussie	- yes
Supervisor Brown	- no
Supervisor Fox	- yes
Chair Yankee	- yes

**MOTION CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 3 FOR, 1 AGAINST.**

Discussion and Possible Action on a Proposal to the Wisconsin County Highway Association Supporting One Annual WCHA Road School: Supervisor Bussie moved to put the issue on the floor. Chair Yankee seconded. After some discussion it was noted that the WCHA Board would be voting on contracts for 2015. Supervisor Fox moved to

direct Mr. Coopman to write a letter to the WCHA board citing Rock County's position of favoring one conference per year (vs. two). Chair Yankee seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Supervisor Bussie's Report on the WCHA Meeting: Supervisor Bussie reported that scholarship applications are available. Copies will be furnished to the Rock County Board of Supervisors at the meeting to take place that evening. Commissioner training will be held on Friday October 5, 2012. The WCHA will perform a maintenance study to evaluate how maintenance activity is/will be classified.

Mr. Coopman noted that maintenance levels would increase when the Hwy 26 bypass, CTH G connector road and the expansion to I39/90 projects are completed. This will necessitate an increase in the Level of Service agreement with WiDOT.

Next Meeting Date: October 11, 2012

Cancel 2008 Vouchers #794 - #1071: Moved by Supervisors Brown and Fox.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment: Moved by Supervisors Brown and Bussie to adjourn at 9:25 am.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Thoni  
Cost Allocation Specialist