

Public Works Committee Minutes
Thursday, September 27, 2012 – 8:00 a.m.
Rock County Job Center
Room J
1900 Center Ave.
Janesville, WI 53546

Call to Order. Chair Yankee called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:00 a.m.

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

Committee Members Absent. Supervisor Arnold

Staff Members:	Ron Burdick	Airport Director
	Ben Coopman	Public Works Director
	Lori Williams	Parks Director
	Cynthia Hevel	Account Clerk II

Others Present:	Larry Arft	City of Beloit
	Bonnie Cooksey	Janesville Jet
	Mike Flesch	City of Beloit

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Fox and Bussie moved the agenda moving item 9a to 6b, moving the encumbrance to 6c. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes. Supervisors Bussie and Brown moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Vouchers/ Bills/Encumbrances/Pre-Approved Encumbrances Amendments
Supervisors Fox and Bussie moved the agenda item. Discussion on the parks encumbrance being moved to 6c after the parks item at 6b took place. MOTION CARRIED

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Supervisor Bussie mentioned that she would like to see handouts on Agenda items in advance of the meeting so that she has more time to read them and formulate questions if there are any. Mr. Coopman replied he agrees but today's handouts weren't available until late yesterday or he would have sent them out with the agenda.

Mr. Coopman passed out a copy of an e-mail regarding the fall Southwest Region meeting. La Crosse County has agreed to host the meeting this time and Mr. Coopman wanted to know if anyone from this committee was interested in

attending. Supervisors Yankee, Bussie and Fox stated that they were not interested and Supervisor Brown did not respond.

Supervisor Bussie reported that at the Highway Association meeting on the 17th, they considered Mr. Coopman's recent letter on behalf of Rock Co. requesting the Association go to one, rather than the current two, Road School conferences per year and voted unanimously against it.

Mr. Coopman reported that he had attended a Town of Johnstown meeting. The Town Board was unhappy with the recent decision made by the County Board regarding the curve on CTH M at Countyline Road. They intend to send a letter requesting that a new Resolution be drafted that is the same as the original proposal and reverses the County Board's resolution approved earlier.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Approve Resolution Designating a Preferred Alternative Route for the CTH G Connector Road Supervisor Fox made a motion to discuss the Agenda Item and Supervisor Bussie seconded it. MOTION CARRIED. Mr. Coopman explained that the Resolution recommends Alternate "B," the direct East route down Inman Parkway. He asked the consultants to do a very preliminary map showing two possibilities that skirt the Twin Cities Farms. These are shown on the handouts as "X" and "Y". "X" is close to the south property lines and is the least destructive. "Y" is an extension of Gale Dr. Mr. Coopman recommends that alternative "Y" be taken off the table as it is more expensive and more disruptive to Twin Cities Farms. In addition we would have to buy land from the Beloit Clinic. Mr. Coopman discussed various items of interest for each alternative listed on the table that he handed out that included costs, disruptions, relocations, and curves. Supervisor Brown stated that he really liked the map Mr. Coopman handed out and that the biggest problem with alternate route "B" is the very valuable irrigated farm land. He stated that Randy Thompson of the UW Cooperative Extension would be speaking at the County Board Meeting tonight about why Alternate "B" is a bad idea. Supervisor Brown thinks this should be put off another month and that putting through this Resolution now will be a disaster for the farm.

Mr. Larry Arft from the City of Beloit spoke and said that this study of routes X & Y was to block the Inman Parkway route. People near those routes are not happy. In the final analysis, the alternative routes X or Y will never go through. If this connector route does not go through, heavy trucks will be going through the city streets of Beloit. The irrigation system on Twin Cities Farms can be worked around. This route has been planned since the 1970's to be built when needed, and it's needed now. The project is getting time critical.

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Supervisor Brown stated that the irrigation system at Twin Cities is hi-tech and that mint is a very important crop. Mr. Arft replied that the road is situated so that the fields are still viable. Supervisor Bussie asked if Mr. Arft and Mr. Flesch would come to the County Board Meeting tonight to discuss this with them and they both replied that they would be happy to. Mr. Arft stated that the big picture is what is best for everyone. If you build alternatives "X" or "Y," hundreds of people are adversely affected; the alternative "B" route affects only a few. Supervisors Fox and Bussie moved the Resolution.

Supervisor Yankee commented that this project has been in the works for a long time and has recommendations from the engineers and the City of Beloit, but you can't please everyone.

Mr. Coopman mentioned that he had a big concern. He feels that there will be a lot of questions at tonight's county board meeting and he is concerned that this will become a big debate. He hasn't been hearing positive things at previous Board meetings and he wondered who would say positive things at tonight's meeting. This project is now under a big time crunch and even if it is approved tonight, they will only have 13 months to get all the rest of the work done, so there needs to be some positive feedback from this committee. Supervisor Bussie said that she, Supervisors Fox and Yankee would speak favorably at the County Board meeting tonight.

Mr. Coopman gave a brief rundown of each alternative. Alternative "X" has 5 curves of which two are 30 mph curves which slows down traffic and reduces safety. It would require 4 home relocations. Where Alternatives "X" and "Y" run together, it would impact 22 residences. Alternative "Y" would require traffic control at the intersection of Gale Drive and CTH G. We would have to purchase land from the Beloit Clinic which would limit or eliminate the clinic's ability to expand. There would then be another point of traffic control further east. It would still impact irrigated farm land but would leave behind additional land that could no longer be irrigated. Then there would be 2 relocations required and it would affect the 22 residences where alternates "X" and "Y" run together. Cost estimates of the alternatives were discussed. Mr. Coopman stated that he would have all of the handout information available at the County Board meeting tonight. Supervisor Brown stated that he felt the Resolution should be delayed one month to give the Public Works Committee more time to review the information.

Chair Yankee called for a Roll Call vote

Supervisor Fox – Yes
Supervisor Bussie – Yes
Supervisor Brown – No
Supervisor Yankee – Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion on how this Resolution should be presented at the County Board meeting took place.

Ben Coopman departed.

PARKS BUSINESS

Approve Resolution Awarding Contract for Turtle Creek Parkway Building Renovation Project. Supervisors Bussie and Fox moved the Resolution. Lori Williams explained the project and the items that it covers. There is money in the 2012 budget but not all of the items that need to be taken care of will be covered in this project. Ms. Williams feels that they will be able to do some change orders to include additional items further down the road that will be more cost effective.
MOTION CARRIED.

Approve Encumbrance. Supervisors Fox and Bussie moved the encumbrance for Draeving Construction for the Turtle Creek Parkway Building Renovation Project.
MOTION CARRIED

Lori Williams departed.

AIRPORT BUSINESS

Consider Request from Glen Erin Golf Club. Supervisors Fox and Bussie moved the item. Ron Burdick explained that several months ago, Glen Erin Golf Club had requested a reduction in their lease rate. Information was gathered from other golf courses around the country that have the same situation as Glen Erin. Based on that information a recommendation was made that the lease rate stay the same for now, and that this issue can be looked at again in 2015 prior to the 2016 scheduled increase. Supervisor Bussie remembers discussing this request earlier this year. Mr. Burdick said that he and James Otterstein from Planning spoke with Mr. Vega from Glen Erin and Glen Erin will be taking a look at the whole 40 year agreement to see if there is something they can figure out to make the agreement more appealing to potential investors. Supervisor Fox feels that if the County Board

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agrees to a reduction in their lease rate, then the other 40 tenants on the airport will all be coming to the Committee to ask for rent reductions. His recommendation is leave the rate the same. The motion is to leave Glen Erin's Lease rate the same through 2015. MOTION CARRIED

Approve Transfer Request. Mr. Burdick informed the committee that the transfer request was to purchase headsets for the airport maintenance crew so that they can hear the radios better in noisy environments, and to replace the roof on the airport house. He explained that he had put these items in his 2013 budget request, but the County Administrator felt that since we had excess funds for 2012 in several accounts, it would be better to transfer funds already budgeted and make those purchases this year rather than have a higher budget request next year. There are excess funds in the gas and electric accounts because of the terminal construction project and in the other supplies and expenses because of being a man short all summer. Mr. Burdick recommends the transfer. Supervisor Bussie commented that excess funds should go back into the general fund and the items requested in the next budget year. MOTION CARRIED

Airport Accounts Receivables. The report was distributed to the Committee. Discussion on past due accounts took place. No Action.

139 Inspection. Mr. Burdick explained that the airport has been on inactive status for several years now which means that while we still have to maintain the airport to Part 139 standards, we no longer get inspected on a yearly basis and any Part 121 charter operator must give 90 day notice if they want to fly into the airport; this gives the FAA time to conduct an inspection. Mr. Burdick reported that because of Paul Ryan's recent appointment as the Vice-Presidential nominee the airport underwent an unexpected Part 139 Inspection. The inspection went very well and we only had two items to note. One item was a training issue; while our staff has received the proper training, they had not received it within the last 12 months. That item has been rectified. The other item is due to some new regulations. We are now required to conduct nightly inspections. In order to conduct these inspections there will be mandatory overtime for the maintenance staff. Recently an airport employee was injured off the job and he has not been able to return to work. His position has now been moved to a second shift position to accommodate the FAA nightly inspection mandate. This will not go away even if Mr. Ryan does not win the election in November. Mr. Burdick stated that he put a request for a fifth person, also second shift, in the budget, but that was not approved.

The FAA also made a recommendation to replace the ARFF truck. The current truck was purchased in 1982. The FAA only recognizes a twenty-year life span and this truck is substantially past that. There is also an access road that was put in

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when the 14/32 runway reconstruction was done and they would like that road removed and a different road put in that is in a different area.

Project Updates:

- 18/36 Sealcoat. Ron reported the seal coating is done. Additional funds are needed to conduct some crack sealing on the south end of the runway. The County asked for the runway to be reconstructed, but the state gave them the seal coating as a band-aid, hoping to get a few more years out of the pavement.
- Update on Terminal Project. Mr. Burdick reported that the project is moving slowly. The contractor is working on the block and stone exterior. He will try to arrange for a site visit at the next committee meeting. The construction has disrupted Kealy's Kafe and Mr. Kealy has complained about the contractors parking near the building. There has also been a complaint about the temporary gravel sidewalk, it is hard for the older customers. There should be a temporary concrete sidewalk prior to winter.

Executive Session Per Section 19.85(1)(e)-Consider Possible Negotiation for the Purchase of Public Property.

Supervisors Brown and Fox moved to go into executive session. MOTION CARRIED

Supervisors Fox and Bussie moved to return to open session. MOTION CARRIED

Next Meeting Date. Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. at the Airport Management and Maintenance (AMMO) Building located on Oakhill Avenue.

Adjournment. Supervisors Brown and Bussie moved adjournment at 10:15 a.m.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Hevel
Account Clerk II