

Waukesha County Board of Supervisors

Minutes of the Public Works Committee Thursday, September 14, 2023

Chair Hammitt called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Keith Hammitt, James Batzko, Darryl Enriquez, Joel Gaughan, Christine Howard, Darlene Johnson and Richard Morris

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Fraley, Chief of Staff Sarah Spaeth, Chairman Paul Decker, Administrative Specialist Barbara Hollander, Facilities Manager Shane Waeghe, Director of Public Works Allison Bussler, Departmental Executive Assistant Ashley Fischer, Senior Civil Engineer Kevin Yanny, Senior Engineering Tech. Jason Mayer, Civil Engineer Ryan Hilgendorf, Senior Civil Engineer Ed Hinrichs and Budget Manager Bill Duckwitz

Approve Minutes of August 10

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Morris to approve the minutes of August 10. Motion carried 7-0

Next Meeting Date

October 12

Executive Committee Report from August 22

Hammitt reported that the Committee approved nine appointments.

Future Agenda Items

November or December meeting at the Department of Public Works Highway Operations building

Legislative Update

Fraley reported that the legislature is back this week. A series of election bills have been introduced, and County Clerk Meg Wartman and Fraley have been offering feedback and may be providing testimony at an informational meeting. One of the main issues is to align the primary election dates so that two iterations of primary ballots do not have to be sent out. There is a piece of legislation that passed in both houses to reimburse counties and municipalities for special election costs. There was funding earmarked in the state budget for the concept of mental health urgent care setting to streamline the process of detentions.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 178-O-048 Laying Out, Relocation and Improvement of County Trunk Highway YY (Pilgrim Road) 250 Feet South of Fieldstone Drive To Canadian Pacific Railroad Project I.D. 18-2782(16)

Yanny and Mayer presented that this ordinance authorizes the laying out, relocation and improvement of CTH YY in the City of Brookfield.

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Howard to approve Ordinance 178-O-048. Motion carried 7-0

Discuss and Consider Resolution 178-R-003 Adopt Five-Year Capital Projects Plan

Public Works – Central Fleet (Item 1)

Bussler and Waeghe were present to discuss the above-listed capital project as outlined in the 2024-2028 Capital Projects Plan. No major concerns were voiced.

MOTION: Howard moved, second by Johnson to recommend approval of the above-listed capital project to the Executive Committee. Motion carried 7-0

Public Works – Facilities (Items 2-11)

Bussler, Waeghe and Fischer were present to discuss the above-listed capital projects as outlined in the 2024-2028 Capital Projects Plan. No major concerns were voiced for Items 2 through 10.

Northview Huber Roofing Upgrade (Item 11)

Gaughan voiced concern with investing money in the Northview Huber facility as the building is 100 years old, and the County may be selling this property in the future. He said there doesn't seem to be any decision-maker on the fate of the facilities, and this is his opportunity to object to what is or is not going on there. He understands the need for Huber as a program, but not the need for Huber as a facility. Even though this project is in the Five-Year Capital Projects Plan as a placeholder and as a reminder that something needs to be done at the facility, he is going to oppose it.

Johnson stated that since this project isn't slated until 2028, she wants to see it kept in the Five-Year Plan in case we still own the building, then the funds are there. She said it is also important to keep it in there as an awareness of the potential problems with our properties.

Howard stated that the subject of continuing with Huber is a separate conversation, and that this project is a matter of maintaining the buildings that the County owns.

Morris stated that since there is a no definite plan for the property, he can't see pulling this project from the Capital Projects Plan.

In answering Enriquez's question, Waeghe said this building is used for document storage purposes as well as a Huber facility, and the building still needs to be maintained.

Hammitt asked where the decision would come from keep or eliminate the Huber facility. Bussler responded that while there is the issue as to what to do with the building; it is being included in the Capital Project Plan to remind the Board that there has to be a decision from a facilities standpoint. If it will be a project, it has to be entered into the Five-Year Plan. It is easier to eliminate a project than it is to slip it into the Plan. This is a placeholder to remind everyone that we have to make a decision on this.

Enriquez said the building itself is going to make the decision. It is going to be breaking down so much with major expenses piling on top of each other, that a final decision will have to be made.

MOTION: Howard moved, second by Johnson to recommend approval of Items 2 – 10 of the above-listed capital projects to the Executive Committee. Motion carried 7-0

MOTION: Batzko moved, second by Johnson to recommend approval of Item 11 of the above-listed capital projects to the Executive Committee. Motion carried 6-1 (Gaughan voted no)

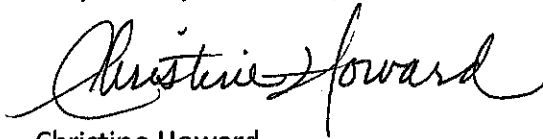
Public Works – Highways (Items 12-35)

Bussler, Hinrichs, Yanny and Fischer were present to discuss the above-listed capital projects as outlined in the 2024-2028 Capital Projects Plan. No major concerns were voiced

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Johnson to recommend approval of the above-listed capital projects to the Executive Committee. Motion carried 7-0

MOTION: Gaughan moved, second by Batzko to adjourn at 10:14 a.m. Motion carried 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine Howard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christine Howard
Secretary - Public Works Committee