

Waukesha County Board of Supervisors

Minutes of the Public Works Committee Thursday, November 11, 2021

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

Present: Supervisors Dave Swan, Jim Batzko, Darlene Johnson, Chris Mommaerts, and Tom Schellinger. **Absent:** Keith Hammitt and Christine Howard.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Alex Ignatowski, Chief of Staff Sarah Spaeth, Administrative Specialist Mary Pedersen, County Board Chair Paul Decker, Public Works Director Allison Bussler, Facilities Supervisor Javier Ramos, Engineering Services Manager Karen Braun, and Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel Deborah Price.

Approve Minutes of October 26, 2021

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Schellinger to approve the minutes of October 26. Motion carried 5-0.

Next Meeting Date

- December 9, 2021

Executive Committee Report of October 26 and November 8, 2021

Swan said the Executive Committee, at their last two meetings, approved the appointment of Dan Driscoll as the new Veterans' Services Officer, approved three ordinances, heard a presentation on the final County Board District Map, and discussed holding joint meetings at budget time, and issuing iPads to County Board Supervisors.

Meeting Approvals

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Batzko to approve Swan's attendance to the WCHA winter road school in January 2022. Motion carried 5-0.

Bid for Huber Building Automation System Replacement

Ramos indicated the Building Automation System (BAS) for the Huber building that controls the HVAC system is aging and has parts that are hard to come by and software that is not supported any longer. The County bid out the work to replace the BAS with an up to date and robust system that is nonproprietary. Only the supervisory controller is being replaced, leaving the various field controllers intact. Two bids were received. The lowest responsible bidder was Helm Mechanical who has successfully completed previous projects for Waukesha County. Helm Mechanical has stated that they understand the scope of the project and that they are able to successfully complete it on time. The total contract cost is \$34,502.00.

MOTION: Batzko moved, second by Johnson to approve the bid for the Huber building automation system replacement. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 176-O-082 First Revision to Laying Out, Relocation and Improvement of County Trunk Highway O, I-94 to Bluemound Rd (USH 18), Project ID 2722-07-71

Braun discussed this ordinance to approve the acquisition of right of way for Capital Project #201502, CTH O (Moorland Road) from Interstate 94 to US Highway 18 (Bluemound Road). Staff are requesting approval of additional expenditure authority in a separate ordinance to fund acquisition costs, (“Modify the 2022-2026 Capital Plan and 2021 Capital Project budget to increase land acquisition expenditures for Capital Project #201502 CTH O, I-94 to USH 18”).

MOTION: Schellinger moved, second by Mommaerts to approve Ordinance 176-O-082. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 176-O-083 Modify the 2022-2026 Capital Plan and 2021 Capital Project Budget to Increase Land Acquisition Expenditures for Capital Project #201502 CTH O, I-94 to USH 18

Braun discussed this ordinance which modifies the 2022-2026 Capital Plan and 2021 Capital Project budget to increase expenditure authority by \$444,000 and increase general government revenue by \$444,000 for land acquisition expenses for the CTH O, I-94 to USH 18 rehabilitation project (#201502). Land acquisition funding through the Surface Transportation Program (STP) requires the county to pay 100% of the costs for land acquisition upfront and later be reimbursed by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) for the eligible 80% STP funding after land acquisition is completed. The county’s current budget for land acquisition of \$111,000 assumed that the county would only have to directly pay for the 20% share of land acquisition costs, similar to how design and construction is accounted for with STP, and omitted the additional 80% of expenditure authority needed (\$444,000). Because the county is required to pay 100% of the costs upfront, an additional \$444,000 in expenditure authority is needed to cover the federal/state share of the costs. The \$444,000 will be reimbursed by WisDOT, resulting in no net increase to the county’s share of the costs. There is no tax levy impact associated with this ordinance.

MOTION: Schellinger moved, second by Batzko to approve Ordinance 176-O-083. Motion carried 5-0.

Ordinance 176-O-084 Modify the 2022-2026 Capital Plan and 2021 Capital Project Budget to Increase Land Acquisition Expenditures for Capital Project #201610 CTH O, CTH I to CTH ES

Braun discussed this ordinance, similar to 176-O-083, which modifies the 2022-2026 capital plan and 2021 capital project budget to increase expenditure authority by \$760,000 and increase general government revenue by \$760,000 for land acquisition expenses for the CTH O, CTH I to CTH ES rehabilitation project (#201610). Land acquisition funding through the Surface Transportation Program (STP) requires the county to pay 100% of the costs for land acquisition upfront and later be reimbursed by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) for the eligible 80% STP funding after land acquisition is completed. The county’s current budget for land acquisition of \$190,000 assumed that the county would only have to directly pay for the 20% share of land acquisition costs, similar to how design and construction is accounted for with STP, and omitted the additional 80% of expenditure authority needed (\$760,000). Because the county is required to pay 100% of the costs upfront, an additional \$760,000 in expenditure authority is needed to cover the federal/state share of the costs. The \$760,000 will be reimbursed by WisDOT, resulting in no net increase to the county’s share of the costs. There is no tax levy impact associated with this ordinance.

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Schellinger to approve Ordinance 176-O-084. Motion carried 5-0.

Closed Session

MOTION: Mommaerts moved, second by Schellinger to convene in closed session at 8:56 a.m. pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(g), Wisconsin Statutes regarding Ordinance 176-O-085: Authorization to Enter into Settlement Agreement in the Condemnation Lawsuit of Howard G. Timm and Tricia M. Timm v. Waukesha County, Case Number 2019-CV-22. Motion carried 5-0.

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Mommaerts to return to open session at 9:19 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Legislative Update

Ignatowski gave an update on the federal infrastructure bill, which passed last week and mentioned the soft infrastructure bill. He also gave an update on the audit committee which met on Tuesday to discuss the LAB audit of the 2020 election administration.

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Batzko to adjourn at 9:21 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

James Batzko

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Secretary