

Minutes of the Public Works Committee May 11, 2017

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

Committee Members Present: Dave Swan (Chair), Darlene Johnson, Tom Schellinger, Richard Morris, Chuck Wood, Keith Hammitt and Steve Whittow.

Others Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Senior Landscape Architect Jason Wilke, Senior Civil Engineer Karen Braun, Public Works Director Allison Bussler, and Budget Management Specialist Bill Duckwitz. Minutes Recorded by Beth Schwartz, County Board Office.

Approve Minutes of April 13, 2017

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Wood to approve the minutes of March 16, 2017. Motion carried 7-0.

Future Meeting Date: June 15, 2017

Future Agenda Items:

- Presentation on the intersections in the county rated as highest priority to be improved (Bussler)

Executive Committee Report of April 17, 2017

Swan reported on the following items discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting:

- Discussed and considered the operational audit of Circuit Courts– annual accounting of guardianships audit report
- Discussed and considered five appointments
- Heard an update on the Regional Transit Leadership Council Executive Committee and Wisconsin Workforce Development Association Board
- Heard standing committee reports by committee chairs

Legislative Update:

Spaeth reported the legislature is reviewing the governor's budget including circuit courts, 911 funding, income maintenance fraud prevention, and veterans' services- all of which benefit the County. Next week they will be reviewing Children & Family Aids. The bus shelter bill passed the assembly unanimously but still needs to get through the senate. The bill to allow advertising on bus shelters located on state trunk highways has support and will soon see committee action. The State is also working on transportation funding proposals which may have a lack of support. Other transportation funding proposals include lower gas mark up, eliminating the sales tax exemption, and increase registration on hybrid cars.

Correspondence

Johnson discussed the Traffic Safety Commission, of which she attended in Wood's stead. One of the commission's new initiatives is "Zero in Wisconsin," promoting zero preventable deaths on Wisconsin roadways and encourages wearing a seatbelt and driving sober. Other initiatives include the Drive Sober App and hands-on training sessions for permit holding student drivers.

Reviewed Bid Results for Project No. PLU 17-04 Minooka Restroom Shelter Building - Picnic Area 3

Wilke said there were six bids and the contract was awarded to Ray Stadler Construction company, Inc. in the lump sum amount of \$444,260.00. The project includes new rolling shutters, barn door, and a

variable speed well pump. Wilke showed shelter #3 on a map and said groups need a shelter with restrooms and increased lawn space for the many events that take place here. This project will have a covered shelter and roll down walls that allow for changes in weather. Accommodating for all seasons will increase shelter rentals. Schellinger asked if the low bid included all of the items on the spreadsheet of bids. Wilke said not all of the items in the bid will necessarily be in the project, and that all possibilities of project construction are included in the bid. Wood asked if this is the project site of the Minooka Park family bathroom, a previous ordinance, which Wilke said it is.

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Whittow to approve the bid for project #PLU 17-04. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussed and Considered Ordinance 172-O-004: Laying Out, Relocation And Improvement Of County Trunk Highway KF And County Trunk Highway JK

Braun said this ordinance deals with the maintenance of Highway KF and Highway JK in the city of Pewaukee and town of Lisbon. This project adds stop lights and requires relocation or changes and the acquisition of certain rights-of-way as shown on the plat pointed out by Braun, and involves six parcels. This project includes federal aid as part of the highway improvement project. Braun discussed the rural surroundings and intersecting streets that affect the traffic at this intersection. Schellinger asked for further clarification on what makes this intersection such a dangerous one. Braun said there is a matrix rating system in place which determines safety. Bussler commented that highest rankings include fatalities and serious injuries twice the state average in accident rates. She also said curves in roads require buying a lot of real estate to fix, and sometimes just adding more signage can fix the problem. However, sometimes that is not enough. She suggested the committee schedule a presentation on the intersections in the county rated as highest priority for improvement.

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Wood to approve Ordinance 172-O-004. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussed and Considered Ordinance 172-O-005: Laying Out, Relocation And Improvement Of County Trunk Highway KF And County Trunk Highway JK

Braun said this ordinance deals with improvement maintenance of Highway VV and Highway E in the town of Merton. This project for safety improvement is also part of the program that grants 90% federal aid to improve a severity of accident issue. Eight parcels need to be acquired for the changes to be made and a roundabout to be constructed. Hammitt asked about the crash rating. Braun said with this wide open area and large dip in the road, it is the severity of the crashes and not the number that is the problem. Morris discussed highway speed limits surrounding the area in question. Johnson asked what happens if a community is resistant to a roundabout. Braun said normally the County does not push a roundabout on a resistant community, but in this case the town of Merton is open and willing to add this roundabout. Hammitt inquired about the federal program and Braun said all the design and construction work is reimbursed.

MOTION: Hammitt moved, second by Whittow to approve Ordinance 172-O-005. Motion carried 7-0.

Heard an Update on the West Waukesha Bypass

Bussler and Braun explained what has been done since the final environmental impact study was signed in 2014. Conditions were placed on the least environmentally damaging alternative, Pebble Creek West, including tree mitigation, protect another fen somewhere in the Pebble Creek watershed (of which there were none available), and protect the upland area adjacent to Pebble Creek that contains the forest interior song bird habitat. The Pebble Creek West alignment was revised to miss the sedge fen wetland

while still maintaining the half-acre forest interior songbird habitat. The refined design, Rotated Pebble Creek West, shares a common alignment but avoids an environmentally sensitive area in order to provide the least damaging alternative. In 2016, the first reevaluation was signed. During the second reevaluation, the rusty patched bumble bee was a new endangered species that had to be documented.

This project was bid at the end of April after the second reevaluation was signed. Current challenges include permit and application submission, a utility relocation, real estate acquisition of USH 18-Madison Street, the construction of a city and county segment in 2017-18 and the construction of a WisDOT segment in 2018-19. Bussler said utility work is being done now, but the project will officially break ground at the end of May. Whittow asked about the process of acquiring residential property from people in order to complete the project, and Braun said it takes 1-2 years to appraise surrounding properties.

MOTION: Hammitt moved, second by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Morris
Secretary