

UNAPPROVEED MINUTES Public Works Committee

Thursday, June 1, 2017 – 5:30 pm Health & Human Services Center – Room 1001 303 W. Chapel Street Dodgeville, Wisconsin

Iowa County Wisconsin

1	Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Parman
2	Members present: Greg Parman, Ron Benish, Bob Bunker (left at 6:57 pm), John Meyers & Briton Grimmer (arrived at 6:10 pm) Members absent: Dave Gallon Also present: Highway Commissioner Hardy, Administrator Bierke, Operations Manager Sudmeier, Business Manager Schutt, Corp Counsel Allen, Supervisor Jack Demby and Ken Lucht from WSOR / WatCo.
3	Bunker motioned for the approval of June 1, 2017 agenda. Meyers seconded, motion carried unanimously.
4	Benish motioned for the approval of the Minutes for the May 1, 2017 meeting. Bunker seconded, motion carried unanimously.
5	Demby commented that they are waiting on funding requests form WisDOT for the for the Sauk bridge. The committee has discussed representative amounts for the county members to be up to \$18,000 / county, but no final agreement at this time.
6	Ken Lucht with Watco Companies presented to the committee. Ken handed out a packet which he went through and summarized page by page. This packet is included. National Marketing Award went to WSOR out of 500 members. Commissioner Hardy asked how TIGER (Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery) was supported on the hill. Ken said it is not supported. TIGER is in its 9th and possible final session. Wisconsin has not received a TIGER grant for railroad use. Awards were granted in 2009, which was ultimately turned down for the Milwaukee to Madison commuter rail. The State of WI has a hard time getting grants.
7	The committee discussed the option of leasing the quarry to an aggregate producer. Matt Allen informed the committee it is legal to sell to municipalities and for a public purpose such as DOT projects. Commissioner Hardy noted that there's a lot of projects in the area which would make our quarry appealing. Craig suggested that if they decided that leasing the quarry was an option that they put it out as an RFP. The committee continued the discussion which included the following questions: lease period, amount of material, have to go into our additional 40 acres, no more crop land, zoning & permits, opportunity to make money & how much (=/-\$80,000 for BB interchange), leasing terms, a game to keep competitors out, depletion and run out of land, reduce cost being close to job, additional traffic, not worth hassle and poor PR. No motions were made. General committee consensus was not to act on leasing of the county quarry.
8	Statute 287.15 states counties are required to have an adequate engine waste oil storage facility with at least a 250 gallon capacity. Counties with a population under 50,000 are required to have one storage facility open or restricted. The Commissioner researched availability in the county of which The Town of Wyoming has a facility which is offered to their residents. The Town of Moscow and City of Dodgeville were looking into providing facilities for residents. The County is welcome to join in the conversation to do that as well, but have been advised to advise the city as soon as possible. Larry asked if we should think about working with the City of Dodgeville and the cost if we were to piggy back with them. Matt Allen stated that all retail businesses should be informing people that they have waste oil collection available or of a place to do so per statute. It was mentioned that maybe letters should be

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sent to those retailers as a reminder to post this information or to place a comment on the county website with regards to a frequently asked question format. General consensus by committee was the county was meeting the requirements of the statute without any further action at this time.

A.) Construction project road closures and updates.

STH 191 closed during the day and should be rapping up today. The Department is anticipating DNR permits for CTH Q box culvert this week and start project mid-June to early July. We have 2 DOT projects. STH 23 and the CTH BB interchange. STH 23 mill & overlay has been accelerated and should begin after Labor Day. CTH BB interchange letting is June 13th and should be completed in 2018.

B.) Surface Transportation Program project application submittals for 2017-2022 program cycle which are funded 80% State/federal, 20% County. CTH II bridge application for 1.5 million. CTH F road improvements from STH 78 to STH 39 at around 5 million. Commissioner Hardy didn't think there was enough entitlement funding built up to obtain a grant in this cycle, but submitted it anyway.

Discussion of a vacant parcel along CTH K near Turnell road – Turnell Corner. The property on CTH K went on the market in April for \$325,000. Total parcel is around 40 acres with the majority of it being some wetlands. The Department would like to have the property to fix the tight horizontal curve and resell. The Department could always take by eminent domain, although now is appealing as it is for sale. Estimated costs of \$250,000 to move roadway in addition to the parcel cost. Department could take some of the property, which would most likely include the house, as it is close to the right of way. There are other issues there as well related to road slopes and beam guard. At this time, it is not known where the funding would come from to make the spot improvement of \$600,000 +/- which would include acquisition of the parcel. If the parcel were taken it could potentially be resold without all of the buildings on it.

C.) Salt Shed updates – STH 14 and CTH O

STH 14: Bids were in when we were contacted by the Town of Arena to share in the facility. A new building design has been developed to fit the revised potential use. On June 12th the project will go out for bids again. Facility will include 47' x 62' base building, a 20' x 62' cold storage area, and 47' x 62' additional storage area for the Town of Arena.

CTH O: The Mineral Point ETZ voted to deny the permit through the revised plan and appeal process. A drawing of the revised site design was passed around. WisDOT has stated they are not interested in the county pursuing any further approvals from the City of Mineral Point. The State is interested in getting started on the project and don't believe they need permits or approval. Three agreements will be issued for the project: one to the County for sitework, one for the State salt shed which will be a design-build, and one for the brine building and associated work. The City of Mineral Point has stated when ground is broken, citations will be issued. Grimmer asked about obstructed view from frontage road to CTH O – he though the new site plan provided better visibility for all parties. The project estimate is around 1.5 million and is solely a state site. The amount of funding to the county is between 295,000 to 425,000. Bunker asked if the State would move the site. Commissioner has advised he has discussed this with the State and they are is set on that site location as they own the parcel. Discussed that another County has been contacted by the state and may come in and do the job. Discussed that any citations issues would most likely include the state and county. Corp counsel has been discussing options and scenarios where the state would defend the county. At this point, the commissioner and corp counsel were waiting on revised discretionary maintenance agreement language from the state.

D.) State project work & County preventative maintenance projects.

The Department will be working on 3 State projects - STH 130, STH 23 and STH 14. The County will be seal coating 21 miles on CTH H and HH – in the Towns of Arena, Brigham, and Ridgeway.

E.) April Revenue & Expense Statement

Commissioner Hardy wanted to point out that on page 2 under County Winter Maintenance we have only used 40.94% of the 1.2 million dollar budget. October through December has typically been \$450,000 so the department is anticipating to be under budget. Typically, the savings from County Winter Maintenance are shifted to County Routine Maintenance due to a shift in the work types, so a similar overrun can be anticipated in Routine Maintenance.

F.) Analysis of the Trump Administration Budget proposal 2018 and beyond.

Budget Summary is included in the minutes. The budget was touted as being a 1 trillion investment in infra-structure before the election. In the current 6-year program; the spending levels exceed the revenue levels by roughly 33%. The current federal proposed budget may be a cut to some services. At the state level, it sounds as if transportation may be dealt with separately as an October bill. The current proposals are not bad for the county, however; some of the long-term funding issues with transportation have not been dealt with. The Commissioner will provide a breakdown of the proposals at the next meeting.

Commissioner stated the pulverizing bids for the fairgrounds work came in a little under what was estimated at \$3900 versus \$5500. The fair committees and boards have met with a proposal to reduce some of the roads on the listing to contain costs. Due to the CTH K schedule, the fairgrounds work will occur after the fair on Labor Day weekend. If that is the case, some pavement patching is anticipated to be necessary prior to the fair. The Commissioner will work with the fair board representative Doug Rider to address those areas, and the work schedule for the balance of what the fair decides to perform.

Benish motioned for the approval of the next committee meeting date and time which will be Thursday, June 29th. Grimmer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Benish. Grimmer seconded at 7:05 pm, motion carried.

Minutes by Rachelle Schutt / Craig Hardy

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