

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Monday, February 8, 2010
Administrative Center – Room 3220
4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Spiker, Arlene Benrud (exc. 5:12), Jim Berns, Ralph Geary, Jai Johnson, Jeff Schroeder

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Leon Pfaff

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Dennis Osgood, Jim Speropulos, Hank Koch, Margaret Norden, Keith Back, Nick Nichols, Steve O'Malley, Jeff Rich, Becky Brockman, Dave Lange, Sharon Hampson, Maureen Freedland, Ray Ebert

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Charles Spiker called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested under the agenda item.

APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2010, COMMITTEE MEETING

MOTION by Benrud/Johnson to approve the Minutes of January 7, 2010, Committee Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** Pfaff excused.

CONSENT AGENDA (INFORMATIONAL)

- Minutes of Economic Development Fund Committee meeting of January 7, 2010;
- Minutes of LEC Construction Committee meeting of January 12, 2010;
- Check Requisitions over \$20,000.

MOTION by Berns/Schroeder to approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.** Pfaff excused.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

None reported.

APPROVE PICKUP BIDS

Dennis Osgood presented bids as follows for a pickup truck for the assistant patrol superintendent. Half the expense is covered by the DOT.

VENDOR	BID AMOUNT
Pischke Motors – 2010 Ram-2500	\$23,712.00
Dahl Motors – 2011 Ford –F-250	\$24,540.50
Brenengen Ford – 2011 Ford-F-250	\$25,027.50
Brenengen Chevrolet – 2010 Chevrolet-2500	\$26,608.50

Osgood recommended the Pischke Motors bid of \$23,712.00. **MOTION** by Johnson/Berns to approve purchasing a pickup truck at \$23,712.00 from Pischke Motors. **Motion carried unanimously.** Pfaff excused.

APPROVE CRACK FILL MATERIAL BIDS

Dennis Osgood presented bids as follows for 46,000 pounds of rubber crack filler. He explained the amount requested should last the season.

VENDOR	BID AMOUNT
Midstates Equipment	\$.402
Vance Bros.	\$.42
Sherwin Industries	\$.4612
Deery Corp.	\$.473

He recommended purchasing from Midstates Equipment for \$.402 per pound.

MOTION by Schroeder/Geary to approve the bid by Midstates Equipment for 46,000 pounds of rubber crack filler at \$.402 per pound. **Motion carried unanimously.** Pfaff excused.

Osgood then presented the following bids for 23,000 pounds of fiber crack filler, and recommended Vance Brothers at \$.44 per pound:

VENDOR	BID AMOUNT
Midstates Equipment	\$.495
Vance Bros.	\$.44
Sherwin Industries	\$.4564
Deery Corp.	\$.511

MOTION by Berns/Johnson to approve the bid by Vance Bros. for 23,000 pounds of fiber crack filler at \$.44 per pound. **Motion carried unanimously.** Pfaff excused.

REVIEW AND ACT ON SPEED & SIGNAL WARRANT STUDIES ON CTH OT

Pursuant to the Committee’s direction to seek quotes on a warrant study, Dennis Osgood reported he obtained quotes as follows:

Ayres Associates	\$13,100.00
SEH Inc.	\$13,700.00
Kimley-Horn & Associates	\$15,000.00
TranSmart Technologies Inc.	\$25,083.59

The warrant studies would include the following: A 48-hour volume/speed count during a weekday period; a five year crash report history; a strip map locating the reported crashes; the attributes of each reported crash, including direction of travel of the vehicle(s) involved, collision type, crash severity, date, time of day, day of the week, and any weather-related pavement conditions. He recommended the low quote by Ayres Associates of \$13,100.00 if the Committee approved conducting studies. Lengthy discussion was held regarding the option of a “twiddle” (center turn lane), a four-way stop, traffic light, or other options. Supervisor Geary proposed that the discussion about the study expenditure should be held at the time the 2011 budget is discussed. Becky Brockman spoke on behalf of the people who drive in that area regularly, and that the problem is primarily in regards to entering OT from the intersecting roads. She requested a meeting devoted to the subject to begin at 5:00 to allow more public to attend. Osgood reported that without a warrant study that shows the need for speed or signal changes or road redesign, the county would have to assume liability for any changes.

MOTION by Spiker/Schroeder to approve spending \$13,100 out of the maintenance budget for speed and signal warrant studies on County Highway OT. **Motion carried 5-1.** A roll call vote was taken as follows: Benrud-aye; Berns-aye; Spiker-aye; Geary-no; Schroeder-aye; Johnson-aye. Pfaff excused.

APPROVE 7TH ANNUAL YMCA TRIATHLON AT SWARTHOUT PARK/LAKE NESHONOC

Jim Speropulos reported that the request is for a triathlon on June 13, 2010, at Swarthout Park and Lake Neshonoc. It is sponsored by the La Crosse Area Family YMCA and Touchstone Energy to benefit the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign. **MOTION** by Schroeder/Benrud to approve the request to hold the 7th Annual YMCA/Touchstone Energy Triathlon at Swarthout Park/Lake Neshonoc on June 13, 2010. **Motion carried unanimously.** Pfaff excused.

UPDATE ON 2010 FOTH CONSULTING PROJECTS

Hank Koch reported that Foth’s consultation is 80% regarding DNR regulation compliance and 20% regarding operational activities. He reviews a monthly summary of Foth’s activities. They are primarily involved with landfill operations. Koch reviews any expense over \$5,000 with the Finance Department. The Solid Waste Department has reduced Foth expenditures by internalizing activities, hiring

temporary workers, and consulting with other County departments, such as Facilities and IT.

UPDATE ON SOLID WASTE DEPUTY DIRECTOR POSITION

Hank Koch showed an organizational chart, and explained that the household hazardous waste manager position has been strengthened to be an assistant director. They are in the process of advertising the position. Two secretarial positions were also rewritten so one position is an accountant/clerk to work with the Finance Department. Those positions have been filled.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE BIOGAS UTILIZATION CONTRACT WITH GUNDERSEN LUTHERAN HEALTH SYSTEM

The Resolution states that a study was conducted to evaluate energy production from biogas produced at the La Crosse County landfill. Hank Koch reported that letters of interest were received from River States Truck & Trailer, Inc., Soluton Dynamics, and Gundersen Lutheran Health System. He recommended proceeding with negotiations with Gundersen Lutheran for the following reasons: 1) they would pay for the value of energy; 2) they are willing and able to support capital investment; 3) they can access tax and other incentives by creating a separate LLC, and 4) they have experience locally. Representatives from Gundersen Lutheran also gave a presentation regarding their goal to use 100% renewable energy by 2014, and their other renewable energy projects. Their intention would be to use the energy derived from biogas at their Onalaska campus. The Resolution would authorize the County Administrator to appoint an ad hoc committee to negotiate the terms of a contract. **MOTION** by Johnson/Geary to approve the Resolution Re: Authorization to Negotiate Biogas Utilization Contract with Gundersen Lutheran Health System. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Pfaff excused.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Snowmobile access through Veterans Memorial Park

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: MARCH 8, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Berns/Geary to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Pfaff excused. The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Approved, March 8, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder