

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Monday, March 8, 2010

Administrative Center – Room 3220

4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Spiker, Arlene Benrud, Jim Berns, Ralph Geary, Leon Pfaff, Jeff Schroeder

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jai Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Dennis Osgood, Jim Speropulos, Hank Koch, Margaret Norden, Keith Back, Steve O'Malley, Chase Miller, Linda Saley, Dan Lenselink, Nick Nichols

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2010, COMMITTEE MEETING

The Chair noted that under the discussion regarding signal and warrant studies, a reference to "low bid" should be changed to "low quote," and the roll call vote should come after the Motion language. **MOTION** by Schroeder/Benrud to approve the Minutes of February 8, 2010, Committee Meeting as corrected. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

CONSENT AGENDA (INFORMATIONAL)

- a. Minutes of Economic Development Fund Committee meeting of February 4, 2010
- b. Check Requisitions over \$20,000 (handout)

MOTION by Berns/Schroeder to receive and file the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

Supervisor Benrud attended the WCA legislative conference, a WCHA conference, and a solid waste conference. She reported several complimentary comments about the La Crosse County Solid Waste director at the latter conference. She will be going to Washington, DC, on behalf of WCHA.

APPROVE BIDS FOR ROCK, SAND, HOT MIX ASPHALT, CRS-2 EMULSION, MILLING & RECLAIMING

- **Approve Rock Bids**

Dennis Osgood presented a recap of seven rock vendors, and reported that in the past all vendors were approved, and they would haul out of whichever quarry was most convenient to the project. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Geary to approve all rock bids. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

- **Approve Sand Bids**

Osgood reported that the Highway Department normally hauls sand from dredged material at the Trempealeau lock and dam. Osgood explained that sand is bid at this time in the event no sand is available from the dredging process. He recommended accepting the bid from Harter Trucking of \$5.00 per cubic yard delivered, or \$4.00 if picked up. **MOTION** by Berns/Schroeder to approve the sand bid from Harter Trucking. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

- **Approve Hot Mix Asphalt Bids**

Osgood explained that Mathy Construction was the only bidder for hot mix asphalt at \$46.91 per ton. Mathy also bid warm mix asphalt at \$46.91. Osgood explained that warm mix asphalt is a new pavement design and was used in the 2009 I-90 reconstruction project with good results with less oxidation. Mathy bid cold mix at \$58.11 per ton. St. Joseph Construction was the only bidder on recycled mix at

\$10.55 per ton. Osgood recommended approving both St. Joseph Construction and Mathy Construction bids. **MOTION** by Benrud/Schroeder to approve the hot mix bids. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

- **Approve CRS-Emulsion Bids**

Osgood reported that Henry Meigs Co. was the only bidder on emulsion for seal coating, at \$1.9058 per gallon. **MOTION** by Geary/Berns to approve the CRS-2 emulsion bid of \$1.9058 per gallon by Henry Meigs Co. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

- **Approve Milling Bids**

Osgood explained that reclaiming is a quicker process, although milling is still used where there is curb and gutter. He reported that Mathy Construction and Kraemer Company bid the same, \$.50/.60/.70/.80/.90 per square yard. He recommended accepting both bids so they could use either company. **MOTION** by Schroeder/Pfaff to approve milling bids by Mathy Construction and Kraemer Company of \$.50/.60/.70/.80/.90 per square yard. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

- **Approve Reclaiming Bids**

Osgood stated that reclaiming is done in rural areas where there is no curb and gutter. Bids were received from Mathy Construction at \$3,385.00 per mile and Kraemer Company at \$3,387.00 per mile, and he recommended accepting both bids. **MOTION** by Schroeder/Pfaff to accept bids for reclaiming by Mathy Construction at \$3,385.00 per mile and Kraemer Company \$3,387.00 per mile. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

APPROVE STATE-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR CTH YY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Dennis Osgood explained that the "YY" bridge has qualified for Federal/State Bridge Replacement funds and is under agreement with the DOT. Strand Associates has been selected to perform the design services for this project. KJohnson Engineering, the State Management Consultant, has negotiated a contract with Strand for the amount of \$74,757. The Federal/State share of these services is 80% or \$56,806, and the County (local) share is 20% or \$14,951. The actual contract is due to arrive from the DOT next week, and Osgood stated that the contract will go to Corporation Counsel for their approval. He requested committee approval to sign the contract if Corporation Counsel approves it. **MOTION** by Benrud/Berns to approve the State-Municipal Agreement for CTH YY Bridge Replacement based on approval by Corporation Counsel. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

REQUEST FOR SNOWMOBILE ACCESS THROUGH VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

The request for access to Veterans Memorial Park comes from Chase Miller. Miller spoke about allowing snowmobile access from Gills Coulee Road to state trails north and south of Highway 16. Jim Speropulos reported that the Facilities department grooms trails used by cross-country skiers. Speropulos stated that the County Ordinance does not allow trail use by snowmobiles, ATV's, scooters, or other motorized vehicles, and there is no precedence in other County parks to allow use. Lengthy discussion was held regarding trail use, speed limits, signage, and potential hazards. Supervisor Geary suggested that the snowmobile club as a whole submit a proposal that could be reviewed by Corporation Counsel. **MOTION** by Spiker/Berns to deny request in Chase Miller's letter to allow snowmobile access through Veterans Memorial Park. **Motion passed unanimously.** A roll call vote was taken with all members present voting in favor. Johnson excused.

REQUEST FROM WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOR INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Jim Speropulos reported that no formal agreement has been received, and he would present it to the Committee at a subsequent meeting. He reviewed the request from

Western Technical College to construct bump-out curves on 6th Street between the County Administration and Health and Human Services building and Western Technical College buildings. The bump-outs would be constructed on both sides of 6th Street. Western will pay for construction, and will ask the County to maintain and pay for any damages to the bump-outs. Speropolos explained that the County already does snow removal, and would have input on construction materials used.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO SELL UNIMPROVED PARCEL TO CITY OF LA CROSSE

The Resolution states that the County acquired title to a tax delinquent property bordered by 3rd and 4th Streets and King and Cass Streets in the City of La Crosse. The sale to the City of La Crosse for \$1,129.58 would reimburse the County for taxes and special assessments for the years 2004-2008. Supervisor Berns inquired about interest from the public, and Speropolos replied that there had been none.

MOTION by Pfaff/Berns to approve the Resolution Re: Authorization to Sell Unimproved Parcel to City of La Crosse. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO SELL UNIMPROVED PARCEL TO TOWN OF SHELBY

The Resolution states that the County acquired property in the Town of Shelby identified as computer parcel number 11-56-0 and computer parcel number 11-81-103. The sale to the Town of Shelby would be for the outstanding taxes of \$108.05. Supervisor Berns inquired about interest from the public, and Speropolos replied that if they tried to sell the property to an individual, it would cut off the Town's access road. **MOTION** by Benrud/Schroeder to approve the Resolution Re: Authorization to Sell Unimproved Parcel to Town of Shelby. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

APPROVE HHM DATCAP GRANT

Hank Koch reported that the grant for Household Hazardous Materials was awarded for \$100,500.00. He stated the program is in three parts: the Clean Sweep program; an agricultural program in rural areas; and prescription medication disposal. Discussion was held regarding the HHM funding, which was removed and then restored in the state budget, and is less than state funding in 2008 and 2009.

MOTION by Benrud/Geary to approve accepting the Wisconsin Clean Sweep Grant for Household Hazardous Materials for \$100,500.00. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

APPROVE LANDFILL GROUNDWATER MONITOR CONTRACT

Hank Koch reported that bids were received from three certified laboratories for groundwater monitoring:

Davy Laboratories	\$11,082.00
Pace Analytical Laboratory	\$11,442.00
Test American	\$11,794.00

He reported that the County Health Department takes the samples. He recommended the low bid from Davy Laboratories of \$11,082.00. **MOTION** by Schroeder/Pfaff to approve the landfill groundwater monitor contract with Davy Laboratories for \$11,082.00. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

APPROVE LANDFILL MAINTENANCE SHOP CHANGE ORDER

Hank Koch explained that the change order totaling \$27,163.95 will exceed contingency by \$11,543.12. The change order is related to the omission of a ventilation system that is needed for welding done in the shop. He reported that asbestos abatement in the old shop demolition project came in well under budget, i.e. \$20,000 budgeted and \$900 bid, and the Finance Department has stated that the remaining amount could be transferred to the new maintenance shop project

contingency fund. Discussion was held regarding the specs for the project, and what could be done to prevent future omissions from occurring. **MOTION** by Benrud/Berns to approve the landfill maintenance shop change order number four. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

UPDATE ON GAS TO ENERGY PROJECT

Nick Nichols provided a progress report of the ad hoc committee discussions regarding a partnership with Gundersen Lutheran. The committee meets weekly, and consists of Hank Koch, Nick Nichols, and Dave Lange, and three Gundersen Lutheran representatives. Their discussions have included the results of two methane gas tests for quality and quantity, an outline of a possible delivery system, and a public relations program. Nichols reported that Gundersen Lutheran is looking at supplying 100% of their heat needs at their Onalaska campus, and reviewing a combined heat and power system. They are getting pricing on the system for review by County and Gundersen Lutheran finance departments. Steve O'Malley reported that another vendor inquired about submitting a bid after the deadline, and has since accused the County of not following the law regarding notification. Corporation Counsel has reviewed the Request for Proposal process and determined the notification process went beyond the minimum requirements under the law, and included national distribution and press releases of the RFP process.

JOINT MEETING WITH AGING & LONG-TERM CARE COMMITTEE ON SENIOR HOUSING PROPOSAL ON COUNTY FARM

Charlie Handy reported that a tax credit housing developer has approached the County about a proposed project on 2.5 acres between Lakeview and the water reservoir. The proposal will go to the West Salem Village Planning Commission in March, 2010. The developer could make a presentation to a joint meeting of the Public Works and Infrastructure and Aging and Long-Term Care Committees in April, 2010. Committee consensus was to hold their committee meeting at 3:30 p.m., and have the joint meeting following at 5:00 p.m., on April 12, 2010.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

None requested

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: APRIL 12, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Schroeder/Berns to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Approved, April 12, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder