

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Monday, March 5, 2012

Administrative Center – Room 3220

4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Spiker, Jim Berns (4:54 p.m.), Ralph Geary, Leon Pfaff, Jeff Schroeder

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Arlene Benrud

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jai Johnson

STAFF & GUESTS: Hank Koch, Ron Chamberlain, Jim Speropulos, Gary Ingvalson, Margaret Norden, Keith Back, Randy Nedrelo, Bryan Jostad, Mary Kaufmann, Brian Fukuda, Dave Lange

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 6, 2012

MOTION by Pfaff/Geary to approve the Minutes of February 6, 2012. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Berns excused; Johnson absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Schroeder/Geary to accept and file the following Consent Agenda items:

Motion carried unanimously. Benrud, Berns excused; Johnson absent.

- Check Requisitions over \$20,000
- La Crosse County Economic Development Fund Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2012
- WCHA Informer
- Solid Waste Director's Report – Hank Koch reported that the Gas-to-Energy project is operational and running continuously, and the project is on budget; he also asked to have a future agenda item to discuss a committee volunteer to help select a landfill contractor.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

None reported by committee. Hank Koch reported on three staff presentations that were well received at Wisconsin Integrated Resource Management conference: Green Tier, La Crosse County Sustainability Plan, and Gas-to-Energy system.

APPROVE FACILITIES DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Jim Speropulos presented the Facilities Department Annual Report that includes statistics on shelter rentals at Neshonoc, Goose Island, and Veterans Memorial Parks, and camping at Goose Island and Veterans Memorial Parks. Mary Kaufmann reported that waterfront flooding at Goose Island impacted camping numbers in 2011. **MOTION** by Spiker/Pfaff to approve the Facilities Department Annual Report and forward to the County Board. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Berns excused; Johnson absent.

APPROVE INSTALLATION OF DONATION BOXES AT GOOSE ISLAND BOAT LANDING

Jim Speropulos reported that donations for boat landing maintenance could be collected at onsite boxes. He noted that the City of La Crosse is now charging a boat launch fee. Discussion followed regarding the necessity of a formal, written agreement with Vernon County. The southern end of Goose Island is in Vernon County, and the department is working with the Mississippi River Regional Planning Organization to develop an agreement

between counties. Chair Spiker stated he preferred to have maintenance come out of excess sales tax. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Schroeder to approve the installation of donation boxes at Goose Island boat landing. **Motion carried 3-1.** Benrud, Berns excused; Johnson absent; Spiker opposed.

DETERMINATION OF APPRAISED VALUE FOR MINIMUM BID FOR ROCKLAND PARCEL TAKEN IN TAX FORECLOSURE

Jim Speropulos reported that in 2011 the County took a property on 1406 Black Oak Drive in Rockland. He asked the committee to set a minimum bid for advertising the lot. Other lots in the development have been appraised between \$17,000 and \$18,000. Dave Lange stated the appraisal was done recently. Discussion followed regarding the discrepancy between assessed value and appraised value. Brian Fukuda noted that the assessor will now have comparable sales to bring assessed values into compliance. **MOTION** by Spiker/Schroeder to approve setting a minimum bid for Rockland parcel taken in tax foreclosure at \$17,000. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Berns excused; Johnson absent.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FROM JENNIFER WALL AT 1506 BLACK OAK DR., ROCKLAND, WI

The Resolution states that Jennifer Wall, the purchaser of a vacant property at 1506 Black Oak Drive in Rockland, no longer wishes to own the property, and it is in the best interest of La Crosse County to purchase back the property for \$17,000, plus closing costs. Brian Fukuda reported that Wall was unhappy about duplexes being built on neighboring sites. He reported that the subdivision covenants do not allow duplexes, but there is no zoning restriction to disallow them. The covenants will be changed to allow duplexes. Chair Spiker pointed out a correction to the Resolution's fiscal note to cite payment out of the General Contingency Fund Org. 1063, rather than 1603. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Spiker to approve the Resolution Re: Approval of Purchase of Property from Jennifer Wall at 1506 Black Oak Dr., Rockland, WI. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Schroeder – aye, Pfaff – aye, Spiker – aye, Geary – nay. **Motion carried 3-1.** Benrud, Berns excused; Johnson absent.

APPROVE POLICY ON MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAYS WITH INCORPORATED MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES

Ron Chamberlain reported on a proposed policy that the County will maintain county trunk highways that go through a municipality that are not covered by a jurisdictional transfer. He provided a draft policy originally based on a Wisconsin Department of Transportation policy, modified to reflect County Statutory authorities, that defines municipal boundaries as those areas outside the traveled way (center 24 feet), including parking lanes, curb and gutter, sidewalks, sidewalks on bridges, multi-purpose paths, and drainage facilities. Chamberlain explained that anything that the County currently owns and maintains, the County will continue to maintain; however, going forward, having a policy in place is a first step toward ensuring that any improvements that a municipality wishes to have, such as curb and gutter or bike lanes, would be paid for and maintained by the municipality. Lengthy discussion followed regarding whether there is a need for a Resolution to adopt a policy, and communicating the policy to all County supervisors and all municipalities. **MOTION** by Spiker/Schroeder to approve the Policy on Maintenance of County Trunk Highways within Incorporated Municipal Boundaries. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud excused; Johnson absent. By consensus, the committee directed Corporation Counsel to draft a resolution to inform the County Board of the new policy with direction to communicate to municipalities. Supervisor Berns suggested that, inasmuch as possible, the Resolution reference collaborative agreements that are already in place.

APPROVE HOT MIX BIDS, AGGREGATE ROCK BIDS, OIL BIDS AND PULVERIZING

Ron Chamberlain reported that bids were received for road construction materials, as follows:

- **Milling & Reclaiming**

Bids were received as follows for milling per 2", 3", 4", 5", and 6", and for reclaiming. Chamberlain recommended purchasing from Kraemer Company.

	Milling	Reclaiming
American Asphalt	n/a	\$3,630/mile
Kraemer Company	\$.52/.62/.74/.81/.89	\$3,495/mile

MOTION by Pfaff/Geary to approve purchasing milling and reclaiming materials from Kraemer Company. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud excused; Johnson absent.

- **Sand**

Bids were received as follows for sand, delivered and picked up. Chamberlain recommended purchasing from Harter Trucking.

	Delivered	Picked Up
County Materials	n/a	\$4.40/ton
Harter Trucking	\$4.50/cubic yard	\$2.50/cubic yard
Strupp Trucking	\$5.00/ton	\$3.50/ton

MOTION by Schroeder/Berns to purchase sand from Harter Trucking for \$4.50 delivered/\$2.50 picked up. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud excused; Johnson absent.

- **Rock & Asphalt**

Bids were received from multiple sources so they can haul from the site nearest to the construction site. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Berns to approve all rock and asphalt bids, depending on location/project. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud excused; Johnson absent.

- **Emulsion**

One bid was received, from Henry Meigs, as follows:

CRS-2	CRS-2P	CSS-1	Application
\$2.3877/gallon	\$2,7877/gallon	\$2.4877/gallon	\$0.12

A bid from Flint Hills was submitted without being completed. **MOTION** by Berns/Schroeder to purchase emulsion from Henry Meigs. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud excused; Johnson absent.

- **Bituminous Fog Seal**

Chamberlain stated that two bids were received, and recommended approving both.

Gee Asphalt – Cedar Rapids	\$1.14/sq. yd.
Henry Meigs - Portage	\$1.9927/gallon

MOTION by Schroeder/Pfaff to approve purchasing bituminous fog seal from Gee Asphalt for \$1.14 per square yard, and from Henry Meigs for \$1.9927 per gallon. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud excused; Johnson absent.

APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDED PROPOSALS FOR PURCHASE OF FARM TRACTOR, MULCHER, AND LIGHT PLANTS, PER RFP PROCESS FOR THESE ITEMS

Ron Chamberlain presented the following bids for a tractor and loader attachment. The proposals were reviewed by the Highway Commissioner, Shop Superintendent, and Purchasing Manager and awarded points based on equipment specifications (25 points), warranty and repair (25 points), equipment demonstrations (20 points), and cost (50 points).

Vendor	Evaluation Score	Cost
Frontier Deere 7330	120	\$96,600.00
St. Joseph Equipment M-F 7620 Dyna 6x4 transmission	91	\$113,900.00
St. Joseph Equipment M-F	89	\$118,000.00

7620 Dyna BT transmission		
Frontier Deere 7330 – used equipment – lease return	RFP requested new equipment	\$84,000.00

Chamberlain recommended purchase from Frontier of a Deere 7330 for \$96,600.00 from the machinery fund. **MOTION** by Berns/Schroeder to approve purchasing a Deere 7330 tractor from Frontier for \$96,599.00. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud excused; Johnson absent.

Chamberlain then presented bids for the purchase of a mulcher (bale processor) from the machinery fund. The proposals were evaluated and scored by on the following criteria: Equipment specifications (25 points), warranty and repair (25 points), and cost (50 points):

Vendor	Evaluation Score	Cost
St. Joseph Equipment Haybuster 2564	100	\$31,980.00
Frontier Haybuster 2564	99	\$32,190.00
Simmons Equipment Big Bale Mulcher BBM130	Did not meet specifications	\$79,000.00
Simmons Equipment Big Bale Mulcher BBM3X46	Did not meet specifications	\$17,900.00

Chamberlain explained that the difference in awarded points for the same piece of machinery was based on the cost, and recommended purchase from St. Joseph Equipment for \$31,980.00. **MOTION** by Berns/Pfaff to approve purchasing a Haybuster 2564 from St. Joseph Equipment for \$31,980.00. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud excused; Johnson absent.

Chamberlain then presented bids on purchase of four portable light towers from the machinery fund. Evaluators were the Highway Commissioner, Patrol Superintendent, and Purchasing Manager, and also included two mechanics and two heavy equipment operators. The proposals were reviewed and scored on the following criteria:

Vendor	Evaluation Score	Cost
Lincoln Contractors Wacker LTN6L	115	\$34,619.00
Lincoln Contractors Wacker LTN61 – with winch	112	\$36,927.00
United Rentals Magnum MLT3060	106	\$32,208.00
Volvo Rental Light Source	95	\$35,552.00

He recommended purchasing the Wacker LTN6L from Lincoln Contractors for \$34,619.00. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Schroeder to purchase four Wacker LTN6L portable light towers from Lincoln Contractors for \$34,619.00. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud excused; Johnson absent.

APPROVAL OF WISDOT TRAFFIC DISCRETIONARY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS

Ron Chamberlain reported that corrections were made to the discretionary maintenance agreement that was postponed at the February 6, 2012, meeting. He recommended approval of separate agreements for \$5,100 and \$7,800 for equipment and labor at various locations in the state trunk highway system in La Crosse County. **MOTION** by Berns/Geary to approve the WisDOT Discretionary Maintenance Agreement for 2012. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud excused; Johnson absent.

APPROVE SAND LAKE ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Ron Chamberlain provided a maintenance agreement with the City of Onalaska regarding maintenance of the construction area and roundabout on Sand Lake Road. The installation project was funded in part by the County, and in exchange the City agreed that it would perform maintenance of the roundabout, including salting, plowing, snow removal, plantings and mowing, and maintenance of sidewalks in the surrounding area. **MOTION** by Spiker/Berns to approve the Sand Lake Road Maintenance Agreement. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud excused; Johnson absent.

APPROVAL OF LOCAL FORCE ACCOUNT (LFA) CONTRACT FROM WISDOT

Ron Chamberlain reported on a contract with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, for culvert replacement and shoulder maintenance and miscellaneous work on State Highway 16 from La Crosse Street to the Village of West Salem. The contract amount is \$250,277.50 for labor, equipment, and administrative support. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Berns to approve the Local Force Account (LFA) Contract from WisDot. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud excused; Johnson absent.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: APRIL 9, 2012

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Presentation on Highway project estimation process (for County Board)
Foreclosure policy

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Schroeder/Pfaff to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**
Motion carried unanimously. Benrud excused; Johnson absent. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting. Margaret Norden, Recorder