

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Monday, June 11, 2012

Room 3220, Administrative Center, 400 4th St. N.

4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Meyer, Jim Berns, Steve Doyle, Maureen Freedland, Jeff Schroeder, Charles Spiker

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Leon Pfaff

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Holtze, Ron Chamberlain, Randy Nedrelo, Nick Nichols, Hank Koch, Teresa Schnitzler, Ray Ebert, Bryan Jostad, Marilyn Pedretti, Jim Speropulos, Ralph Geary, Steve O'Malley, Mary Kaufmann, Betsy Bloom, Sharon Hampson, Dave Lange, Gary Ingvalson, Jim Koelbl, Keith Back, Jeff Treder, Ray Greene, John Ellingson, Dave Hundt

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Maureen Freedland was selected as the new Vice-Chair of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were several people present for public comment and Chair Meyer announced we will wait until the agenda item to come up for public comment.

APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2012

MOTION by Spiker/Doyle to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2012 meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** Pfaff excused.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Doyle/Freedland to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.** Pfaff excused.

- Check Requisitions over \$20,000
- La Crosse County Economic Development Fund minutes of May 3 and May 17, 2012
- Solid Waste Director's Report

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

None

RESOLUTION RE: ADOPTION OF SUSTAINABLE BUILDING POLICY FOR FACILITIES AND PURCHASING

This Resolution comes from the joint City, County, and surrounding areas. Supervisor Pedretti and the commission has worked together to analyze LEED standards and energy efficiency standards. The building policy is separate from the purchasing policy. Supervisor Pedretti noted that this makes sense from a stand point of saving tax dollars. The workgroup met and looked at other resolutions from municipalities across the state and nation and the workgroup picked verbiage that worked for La Crosse County and verbiage for purchasing came from Bryan Jostad. This resolution will stay in place until a new resolution passes to change it.

MOTION by Doyle/Schroeder to approve. **AMENDMENT** by Schroeder/Berns to change third whereas to read: Some conventional development and some construction practices may deplete natural resources and cause air and water pollution, solid waste, deforestation, toxic wastes, health hazards and other negative consequences. **Motion carried 5-1.** Spiker opposed; Pfaff excused. **AMENDMENT** by Schroeder/Berns to change 7th whereas, 3rd line from; also yielding, to; may yield. **Motion carried unanimously.** Pfaff excused. **MOTION to approve as amended carried unanimously.** Pfaff excused.

DISCUSS WEST SALEM REQUEST TO CREATE A DOG PARK

The Village of West Salem is looking to enter into a lease with the County on land at Lakeview of what was formerly known as the deer pen located on East Garland Street. This area made the most sense since there is already a fence in place. The Village of West Salem will be responsible for all expenses and maintenance. **MOTION** by Doyle/Berns to draft a resolution and hold a special meeting at 5:45 p.m. before County Board next week. Corporation Counsel

would want an indemnification clause in the lease, especially with a dog park, spell out insurance requirements, and include a 90 day or 6 month termination clause from either party. If anything other than maintenance and fencing is done to the land, County would require prior approval. It was noted that the best use for this land is for development. **Motion carried unanimously.** Pfaff excused.

RESOLUTION RE: SUPPORT FOR INCLUSION OF MUTLI-USE TRAIL IN HIGHWAY 35 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Representatives of La Crosse County, Village of Holmen, and other local communities believe that the connectivity between the segregated subdivisions is enhanced by including a multi-use trail from the City of Onalaska to approximately Hale Drive in the Village of Holmen. This makes sense since the State of Wisconsin intends to reconstruct State Highway 35 between the City of Onalaska and Village of Holmen in the near future. The Town of Holland will also be providing a resolution in support. The DOT will design it and the local municipalities will be responsible for maintaining it. **MOTION** by Spiker/Schroeder to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.** Pfaff excused.

APPROVE QUAD AXLE TRUCK PURCHASE

Highway Commissioner Ron Chamberlain noted the trucks being replaced were 12 years old. Based on equipment specifications and features, warranty, test drive / demonstration, and cost, Chamberlain recommends the proposal from River States Truck. Decisions were made on best value versus lowest cost. **MOTION** by Spiker/Berns to approve proposal from River States Truck. **Motion carried unanimously.** Pfaff excused.

DISCUSS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT USE OF COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS

Highway Commissioner Ron Chamberlain noted that there are not enough filling stations on their routes to use compressed natural gas. There needs to be more around the area to be able to start doing this. Currently there are only two locations in La Crosse that offer compressed natural gas. In the future they will look at the option for small vehicles to use compressed natural gas. They are also looking at putting in small overnight refueling stations at a cost of \$3,000 - \$5,000. Chamberlain also stated that a special certification is required to work on compressed natural gas vehicles.

APPROVE REQUEST FROM TRI-COUNTY TRAILBLAZERS ATV CLUB FOR ATV ROUTE ON CTH V

Jeff Treder of Tri-County Trailblazers spoke on the reason for an ATV route on County Road V. They are looking for a route from Jackson County to Black Oak Inn in La Crosse County. They are asking to use the unpaved portion of County Road V up to the paved portion as one segment of approval. The second segment would be the paved portions up to the intersection with County Road Q. The third segment for approval would be the paved portion of County Road V between County Road Q and Baker Road. Highway Commissioner Ron Chamberlain would not feel comfortable giving recommendation for segment 3 because the intersection is not very good. If segment 1 and 2 is approved, they can begin to get landowners permission to use their land. Tri-County Trailblazers are here to get approval only and nothing will be pursued at this time. **MOTION** by Doyle/Spiker to approve segments one and two. **Motion carried 5-1.** Spiker opposed; Pfaff excused.

UPDATE ON BRIDGE INSPECTION RESULTS

There are 9 structures in La Crosse County that are federally recognized, which means they are more than a 20 foot span, that need to be addressed. Two right now are posted with weight limits because of what was found during inspections; County B over Bostwick Creek and County XX over Halfway Creek. Bridge rating is on a scale of 100, at 70 it becomes available for rehabilitation, at 50 it becomes available for full funding on replacement. Four structures of less than 20 feet will be worked on this year. All bridges, whether on town roads or not, fall under La Crosse County inspection.

NO OBJECTION TO TAKING ITEM 16 OUT OF AGENDA ORDER DUE TO TIME CONSTRAINTS.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE WISCONSIN DOT REGARDING SITING OF A CONTINUOUSLY OPERATING REFERENCE STATION AT THE LA CROSSE COUNTY LANDFILL

Solid Waste was contacted by the WI DOT as a site for a Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS) on the landfill property. John Ellison explained that CORS will be part of a network of 100 stations throughout the State of Wisconsin which provide real time correction to mobile users. La Crosse County would be required to provide power and internet service to the station and also be required to supply, free of charge, all necessary data collected by the program to the WDOT and the general public. The WDOT will be required to construct, provide and maintain the equipment. **MOTION** by Doyle/Schroeder to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.** Pfaff excused.

REPORT ON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PAVING ROADS AT LANDFILL

Solid Waste Director Hank Koch would like to continue to use the La Crosse County Highway Department for paving needs to keep money in the County. The Highway Department is at or below the money budgeted for this paving. A large contractor was contacted and had no problem with this. **MOTION** by Berns/Schroeder to approve. **Motion carried unanimously.** Pfaff excused.

REQUEST VOLUNTEERS FOR SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT RFQ SCORING

The Solid Waste Department is looking for a volunteer that will help with the scoring of the RFQ landfill contractor. They are asking the volunteer to remain throughout the entire process including bid review and interviews. Maureen Freedland volunteered to help as much as her schedule allows.

REPORT ON XCEL REQUEST TO EXTEND CONTRACT WITH AMENDMENTS

Xcel Energy has approached the County and asked to extend their contract with amendments. They are asking for permission to begin discussions with Xcel Energy. Discussions will be brought back to the PW&I Committee and the full board.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: JULY 9, 2012

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Spiker asked for a report on how much money was collected on land the county sold around Lakeview and how much of that was carried forward.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Schroeder/Spiker to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** Pfaff excused. The meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

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