

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

December 10, 2012

Room 3220 Administrative Center

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Don Meyer (Chair), Jim Berns, Maureen Freedland, Jeff Schroeder, Leon Pfaff and Steve Doyle (excused at 5:25 p.m.)
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	Charles Spiker
OTHERS PRESENT:	Jim Speropulos, Steve O'Malley, Ron Chamberlain, Keith Back, Randy Nedrelo, Sharon Hampson, Ralph Geary, Ray Ebert, Tara Johnson and Marion Naegle

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ray Ebert spoke in behalf of the Town of Hamilton. He wanted to thank the Solid Waste Department for putting together a program for collecting hundreds of florescent lights, keeping them out of the landfill.

APPROVE MINUTES OF November 5, 2012

MOTION by Doyle/Schroeder to approve the minutes of November 5, 2012. **Motion carried unanimously with 1 excused – Spiker.**

CONSENT AGENDA

- Check requisitions over \$20,000.
- Highway Department Machinery Fund
- Solid Waste Director's Report

MOTION by Berns/Schroeder to approve the consent agenda. **Motion carried unanimously with 1 excused - Spiker.**

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

Chair Meyer took a ride with the Highway Commissioner touring La Crosse Count roads. He thought it was very interesting and now better understands highway issues.

LEC TERRAZZO FLOOR CHANGE

The Committee met in the lobby of the LEC Building to view the Terrazzo flooring before the meeting. Facilities Director explained the cost for replacing the 1st and 3rd floors for \$135,000. The first floor needs to be redone due to the color not matching (looks like a patch job) and the third floor has cracks which will keep getting worse. Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Pfaff/Freedland to look at the issue at a later date, possibly one year from now. **MOTION** by Schroeder to close debate passed on a voice vote with 1 no – Freedland and 1 excused – Spiker. **Motion to look at the issue at a later date, possibly one year from now passed on a voice vote with 1 no – Berns and 1 excused – Spiker.**

10TH ANNUAL YMCA GOT ENERGY TRIATHLON

The Facility Director received a request to use Lake Neshonoc and Swartout Park for the 10th Annual YMCA Triathlon. There have been no problems in the recent years with the triathlon and the Facility Director requests approval. **MOTION** by Schroeder/Berns to approve the triathlon request. **Motion carried unanimously with 1 excused – Spiker.**

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GENERAL ENGINEERING CONTRACT EXTENSION

CBS Squared is the firm we currently have under contract for general engineering services. They have offered to maintain their current hourly rates for another year. Their service has been cost effective and quality has been excellent. **MOTION** by Berns/Freedland to approve the contract extension. **Motion carried unanimously with 1 excused – Spiker.**

STH 108/CTH C JURISDICTIONAL

The WisDOT is interested in trading STH 108 (from the intersection with CTH C south to the intersection with CTH C north) for CT C (from the intersection with STH 108 south to the intersection of STH 108 north). They have communicated that they are also willing to provide a check for up to \$3 million at the time of the transfer. The \$3 million figure comes from a project estimate for the materials required to improve this section of STH 108. Little time and energy has been spent on this possibility at this point. Before expending more effort on this consideration, the Highway Commissioner would like a consensus from the committee as to going forward with investigating the request and its possible ramifications and costs. Discussion ensued. The Highway Commissioner answered questions pertaining to the benefits the County would receive and why the State would want to make this transfer. Supervisor Pfaff had many concerns, one being, Mindoro would not be on State maps if the transfer went through and many businesses would lose recognition. There is also a cost to residents because the road name would be changed. **MOTION** by Doyle/Pfaff to take no action at this time. Discussion ensued. Doyle asked for a unanimous consent from the Committee to amend his motion. There were no objections. **AMENDED MOTION** to request the Highway Commissioner and a member of the WisDOT to meet with the involved towns and report back to the Committee. **Amended motion to have the Highway Commissioner and WisDOT meet with the involved towns and report back to the Committee carried unanimously with 1 excused – Spiker.**

REPORT ON WCHA/WTBA/WISDOT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the Wisconsin County Highway Association and Wisconsin Transportation Builders Association sat down and worked out this Memorandum of Understanding. The agreement's benefit to Counties is the fully funded level of service model. This is the money received for State highway trunk maintenance. This nets the County \$812,090 in 2013, \$5 million in 2014 and \$50 million in 2015. Everything in routine maintenance would be performed by the counties. The counties will be responsible for routine maintenance. Counties could also be responsible for regional work meaning outside the County boundaries. The State wants to move away from actual cost arrangement to a performance base arrangement. The agreement is to the County's advantage. Discussion ensued. This was informational only. No action was taken.

RESOLUTION RE: SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO AMEND WISCONSIN CONSTITUTION IN FAVOR OF TRANSPORTATION DOLLARS FOR TRANSPORTATION

The resolution strongly urges our state representatives to vote in favor of second consideration of the joint resolution for a constitutional amendment to protect the transportation fund, thereby giving voters across the state the opportunity to vote on a binding referendum to amend the constitution and ensure the transportation user fees they pay will be spent for transportation purposes. **MOTION** by Schroeder/Pfaff to approve the resolution. **Motion to approve the resolution carried with 1 no – Freedland and 2 excused – Spiker and Doyle.**

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CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Berns/Schroeder at 5:29 p.m. to go into closed session pursuant to s. 19.85(1) (e) Wis. Stats. Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require closed sessions To Wit: Approve Offering Prices CTH – OA. **Motion carried unanimously with 2 excused – Spiker and Doyle.**

Closed Session Action:

There was no action taken.

MOTION Berns/Schroeder to go into open session at 5:32 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously with 2 excused – Spiker and Doyle.**

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: January 7, 2012

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN

MOTION by Berns/Schroeder to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously with 2 excused – Spiker and Doyle.** The meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Disclaimer: The above minutes were approved at the January 7, 2013 meeting.
Marion Naegle, Recorder