

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND PUBLIC WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

Thursday, December 16, 2010  
5:00 P.M.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Doyle, Jill Billings, Vicki Burke, Sharon Hampson, Tara Johnson, Don Meyer, Marilyn Pedretti, Roger Plesha, Charles Spiker

**PUBLIC WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charles Spiker, Arlene Benrud, Ralph Geary, Jai Johnson, Leon Pfaff, Jeffrey Schroeder (5:07 p.m.)

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Jim Berns

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve O'Malley, Margaret Norden, Gary Ingvalson, Bill Shepherd, Bob Taunt, Jim Speropulos, Charlie Handy, Andrea Richmond, Jerry Sebranek, Laurie Tweeten

### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairs Steve Doyle for the Executive Committee, and Charles Spiker for the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None requested.

### **RESOLUTION RE: ADOPTION OF CONTRACT FOR HILLVIEW LOCAL 150 UNION EMPLOYEES**

Steve O'Malley reported that Hillview Local 150 Union did not have a prevailing majority at its meeting to vote on the tentative agreement with La Crosse County. He asked for a postponement on the Resolution. Supervisor Hampson suggested a time limit of 60 days. **MOTION** by Plesha/Benrud to postpone the Resolution Re: Adoption of Contract for Hillview Local 150 Union Employees for 60 days. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **RESOLUTION RE: CONTINUED SUPPORT OF HIGH SPEED RAIL, INCREASED FREQUENCY OF PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE ON THE CURRENT EMPIRE BUILDER ROUTE (CHICAGO, IL TO TWIN CITIES, MN) AND SEEKING A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF POTENTIAL USERS TO IDENTIFY THE VIABILITY OF MINIMIZING OPERATING COSTS TO THE STATE**

Steve O'Malley provided an amended Resolution titled Support of Increased Frequency of Passenger Rail Service on the Current Empire Builder Route (Chicago, IL to Twin Cities, MN). The Resolution itself was revised to reflect the withdrawal of monies available to the State of Wisconsin for development of high speed rail. The Resolution instead calls for Governor elect Walker and the Legislature to work with Ramsey County and the State of Minnesota to increase passenger train service on the existing Amtrak-Empire Builder route. O'Malley reported that Ramsey County, Minnesota, will seek grant money, and additional money from their Legislature to increase passenger train service. **MOTION** by Plesha/Billings to approve the amendment titled Resolution Re: Support of Increased Frequency of Passenger Rail Service on the Current Empire Builder Route (Chicago, IL to Twin Cities, MN). **Motion carried unanimously.** **MOTION** by Plesha/Billings to approve the Resolution Re: Continued Support of High Speed Rail, Increased Frequency of Passenger Rail Service on the Current Empire Builder Route (Chicago, IL to Twin Cities, MN) and Seeking a Comprehensive Study of Potential Users to Identify the Viability of Minimizing Operating Costs to the State, as amended. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **SET INTERVIEW DATES FOR COUNTY CLERK INTERVIEWS**

The following dates were set for consideration of County Clerk applicants:

Wednesday, January 26, 2011, 1:00 p.m., for review of applications;

Tuesday, February 1, 2011, 1:00 p.m., for finalist interviews.

Discussion was held regarding the process to be used for determining the finalists. The Personnel Department will assist in screening qualified applicants.

### **PARK PLAZA UPDATE – JOINT MEETING WITH PUBLIC WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

Charlie Handy stated that a tentative joint marketing agreement has been reached with Waterplace One, LLC, on the Park Plaza property. The first step will be to issue a Request for Proposal for a marketing firm, and to have a recommendation for approval in January, 2011. He provided an update on steps that have been taken to make the site more marketable, such as demolition of structures and abandoning easements. The consensus of the two committees was to hold a special joint meeting on January 20, 2011, at 5:00 p.m., immediately prior to the regular County Board meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Benrud/Meyer to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

**Approved** January 12, 2011 (Executive Committee), and January 13, 2011 (Public Works & Infrastructure Committee), Margaret Norden, Recorder