

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Monday, April 12, 2010

Administrative Center – Room 3220

3:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Spiker, Arlene Benrud, Jim Berns (4:05), Jai Johnson (3:36), Leon Pfaff, Jeff Schroeder

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Ralph Geary

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Dennis Osgood, Jim Speropulos, Hank Koch, Margaret Norden, Keith Back, Steve O'Malley, Randy Nederlo, Nick Nichols, Jeff Brudos, Bill Shepherd, Travis Parish, Dale Hexom, Dave Lange, Maureen Freedland, Mary Kaufmann

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Charles Spiker called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2010, COMMITTEE MEETING

The Chair noted that the reclaiming bids were reversed. **MOTION** by Benrud/Schroeder to approve the Minutes of March 8, 2010, Committee Meeting as corrected. **Motion carried unanimously.** Geary, Johnson excused.

CONSENT AGENDA (INFORMATIONAL)

- a. Minutes of Economic Development Fund Committee meeting of March 4, 2010
- b. Check Requisitions over \$20,000 (handout)
- c. Summer Highway Conference information

MOTION by Pfaff/Benrud to receive and file the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.** Geary, Johnson excused.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

Supervisor Benrud reported on attending the ITBEC Conference on Energy, an ITBEC meeting, and WCHA Capitol Days regarding transportation issues.

APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR STATE DISCRETIONARY SPENDING, HIGHWAY 162

Dennis Osgood provided a handout showing the contract is for culvert replacement, shoulder widening and repair in the amount of \$400,000.00. He stated the bulk of the work would be between Middle Ridge and Bangor. **MOTION** by Benrud/Pfaff to approve the Agreement for State Discretionary Spending, Highway 162. **Motion carried unanimously.** Geary excused.

APPROVE BIDS ON TWO CHANGEABLE MESSAGE BOARDS

Dennis Osgood explained that the changeable message boards would be used on construction projects and in emergency traffic situations. He presented bids as follows:

K&K Systems, Inc. – Model KMMB9055 – two at \$13,984 each	\$27,968.00
Traffic & Parking Control Co. – Mini Matrix – two at \$17,762 each	\$35,524.00

He recommended the low bid by K&K Systems, and stated there are funds in the machinery fund. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Benrud to approve the bid from K&K Systems for two changeable message boards at \$13,894.00 each for a total of \$27,968.00.

Motion carried unanimously. Geary excused.

APPROVE 2009 FINANCIAL REPORT OF HIGHWAY OPERATIONS

Dennis Osgood provided the financial report for the Highway Department. **MOTION** by Benrud/Johnson to approve the 2009 Financial Report of Highway Operations. **Motion carried unanimously.** Geary excused.

APPROVE BIDS FOR DATA RESOURCE CENTER – HHS BUILDING

Jim Speropulos reported that the Data Resource Center in the Health and Human Services Building required remodeling. He presented bids as follows:

1. General Construction:

Market & Johnson, Inc.	\$23,900 base bid/\$9 s.f. for roof insulation replacement/\$1,404 alternate bid for vinyl covered gypsum board
Fowler and Hammer, Inc.	\$36,000 base bid/\$3.15 s.f. for roof insulation replacement/\$726 alternate bid for vinyl covered gypsum board

2. All HVAC Work:

Hengel Brothers, Inc.	\$16,262.00
Bernie Buchner Mechanical	\$17,443.00
Coulee Region Mechanical	\$18,796.00
Winona Heating & Ventilating Co.	\$33,700.00

Speropulos recommended the low bid by Market & Johnson for general constructions, and the low bid by Hengel Brothers, Inc. for HVAC work. **MOTION** by to approve the bid by Market & Johnson, Inc., for \$23,900 base bid \$23,900 base bid/\$9 s.f. for roof insulation replacement/\$1,404 alternate bid for vinyl covered gypsum board and the bid by Hengel Brothers, Inc., for all HVAC work at \$16,262.00. **Motion carried unanimously.** Geary excused.

APPROVE AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VILLAGE OF WEST SALEM - LEWIS POINT STABILIZATION

Jim Speropulos explained that Lewis Point on Lake Neshonoc requires rip-rap stabilization. The Village of West Salem has agreed to an easement to provide access. Bill Shepherd stated he had reviewed the agreement, which does not require expenditure of funds, and stated it could be signed by the County Board Chair. **MOTION** by Johnson/Schroeder to approve authorization to enter in an agreement with the Village of West Salem – Lewis point Stabilization. **Motion carried unanimously.** Geary excused.

APPROVE BIDS FOR LAKE NESHONOC – LEWIS POINT SHORE STABILIZATION PROJECT

Jim Speropulos presented bids for the rip-rap stabilization project on Lake Neshonoc-Lewis Point, as follows:

Kammel Excavating	\$8,595.00
St. Joseph Construction	\$13,400.00
K&M Excavating, LLC	\$14,390.00
Zenke, Inc.	\$15,956.00
Leis Excavating	no bid security, no ownership statement with bid of \$11,550.00

Speropulos recommended the low bid by Kammel Excavating. **MOTION** by Johnson/Benrud to approve Kammel Excavating for the rip-rap stabilization project on Lake Neshonoc-Lewis Point at \$8,595.00.

RESOLUTION RE: COUNTY DELINQUENT PROPERTIES

The Resolution states that the property at 1242 11th Street South in La Crosse is tax delinquent. The fair market value on the tax bill is \$52,200, but the actual fair market value is substantially less because the property has been abandoned and needs significant repairs. Speropulos recommended selling the property to the City of La Crosse Redevelopment Authority for \$30,000.00 because they have had a good

history of redeveloping property. The delinquent taxes of \$17,522.65 will first be satisfied and the remainder receipted into the fiscal year for the Treasurer's Department. Supervisor Berns asked if there had been public interest, and Speropulos replied that the practice has been to offer tax delinquent properties to the municipality. Speropulos reported that with the most recent property sale there had been public interest expressed, and staff followed the committee's direction to obtain an appraisal and open for bids. However, no citizens bid on it, and they sold to the City for \$500 less than the original sale price. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Spiker to approve the Resolution Re: County Delinquent Properties. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Johnson-aye; Berns-no; Spiker-aye; Benrud-aye; Schroeder-no; Pfaff-aye. **Motion carried 4-2-1.** Geary excused.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF THE BIDS FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY

The Resolution states that five parcels of property that were subjects of prior tax foreclosure actions were advertised, and sealed bids received as follows:

Parcel #	Name of Bidder	Bid Amount	Minimum Bid
7-637-2	William Becker	\$505.00	\$150.00
8-208-6	Nhia Vang	\$10.00	\$10.00
17-10090-75	Spoletto Wi Inc. Contact: Jeff Johnson	\$35.00	\$30.00
17-30180-91	Sarah & Robert Schuette	\$100.00	\$15.00
17-30180-92	Polly Berendes	\$50.00	\$15.00

Speropulos recommended approval of all bids. Chair Spiker noted all bids were higher than the minimum bid. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Benrud to approve the Resolution Re: Approval of the Bids for the Sale of Property. **Motion carried unanimously.** Geary excused.

RESOLUTION RE: DONATION FOR IMPROVEMENT OF MINDORO COUNTY PARK

The Resolution provides for acceptance of a donation of \$10,000 by the Miss Mindoro Group, designated for improvement of the Mindoro County Park playground equipment, and also approves matching funds from La Crosse County to be used for purchase and installation of playground equipment. Jim Speropulos stated the County has \$10,000 budgeted for playground equipment, so they would pool the money. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Johnson to approve the Resolution Re: Donation for Improvement of Mindoro County Park. **Motion carried unanimously.** Geary excused.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY LEASE WITH WATERPLACE ONE LLC

The Resolution authorizes the County Board Chair to sign a lease with Water Place One upon approval by Corporation Counsel to allow Water Place One to operate the Bikini Yacht Club deck and convenience store during the 2010 season to expire November 30, 2010. Jim Speropulos reported that the following changes were made to the annual lease: 1) A requirement that structures be removed within 30 days of the termination of the lease, which include a deck and building, and an underground fuel tank; and 2) removal of a liquor license requirement since Water Place One would not be conducting liquor sales. Steve O'Malley reported that removal of the structures was a first step toward getting the area developed, and future resolutions would be brought to the Committee regarding marketing and development.

MOTION by Berns/Johnson to approve the Resolution Re: Approval of Temporary Lease with Waterplace One LLC. **Motion carried unanimously.** Geary excused.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION EVALUATION

The Resolution would approve Foth to perform a solid waste and recycling collection evaluation at a cost not to exceed \$50,000. Hank Koch reported that changes in solid waste collection, and the Sustainability Plan that recommended doing a solid waste assessment, precipitated the study. He said the Cities of La Crosse and Onalaska were involved in planning the scope of services for study and were providing funding. Xcel Energy is providing \$5,000.00 for the study. **MOTION** by Johnson/Benrud to approve the Resolution Re: Approval of Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Evaluation. Supervisor Berns questioned Foth’s role as consultant on the scope of services, and whether a Request for Proposal was released. Koch explained that in discussions with the two Cities, it was clear that Foth had the experience that would exactly meet the requirements for a study. Further discussion was held regarding involving the smaller municipalities and rural areas. Koch explained that those areas were not the focus of the study. Steve O’Malley stated that the study would not make recommendations, and would be used by the two Cities to make decisions. Dave Lange stated that an agreement with Foth to conduct the study would be an addendum to their current contract. Supervisor Pfaff called the question, and a roll call vote was taken as follows: Johnson-aye; Berns-no; Spiker-aye; Benrud-aye; Schroeder-aye; Pfaff-aye. **Motion carried 5-1-1.** Geary excused.

INTRODUCE NEW SOLID WASTE SPECIAL WASTE MANAGER/DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Hank Koch introduced Randy Nederlo, who has joined the Solid Waste Department as Special Waste Manager and Deputy Director. He will manage the Household Hazardous Waste program, review applications and issue approvals in accordance with DNR requirements, and act on Koch’s behalf in his absence.

UPDATE ON GAS TO ENERGY PROJECT

Nick Nichols provided a written report on the activities of the special committee. He took a question regarding the possible impact of household composting on gas emissions, and replied that there would still be enough gas to support the project.

APPROVE BIDS ON CITIZEN CONTAINER AREA

Hank Koch provided a summary of bids for recycling containers as follows:

Bidder	Service	Bid Amount
Ronnie’s Clean-Up Service	Empty Roll-off	\$7,276.00/year
Mid-West Roll-Off	Empty Roll-off	\$8,346.00/year
Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling		
if all services awarded:	Empty Roll-off	\$12,840.00/year
	Xcel 6-8 Cu Yd Container	\$900.00/year
	4 Yd Fiber Container	\$696.00/year
Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling		
if partial services awarded:	Empty Roll-off	\$16,050.00/year
	Xcel 6-8 Cu Yd Container	\$1,800.00/year
	4 Yd Fiber Container	\$1,080.00/year
	12 Yd Container	\$1,200.00/year
	Two 12 Yd Recycle Cots	\$2,400.00/year

Koch recommended accepting three bids: Ronnie’s Clean-Up Service for roll-off container; Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling for a 6-8 cubic yard recycling container; and Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling for a 4 yard fiber container. **MOTION** by Berns/Johnson to approve Ronnie’s Clean-Up Service for roll-off containers at \$7,276.00 per year; Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling for a 6-8 cubic yard recycling container at \$1,800.00 per year; and Hilltopper Refuse & Recycling for a 4 yard fiber container at \$1,080.00 per year. **Motion carried unanimously.** Geary excused.

APPROVE TEMPORARY EXTENDED SATURDAY HOURS FOR LANDFILL

Hank Koch stated that citizen comments were to have Saturday hours, and he recommended being open the first and third Saturdays on a trial basis from May to October, 2010. He will then evaluate having on a permanent basis. It will not require additional staff. It will be advertised by brochures and word of mouth until it is evaluated. Supervisor Pfaff said he would eventually like to see open hours extended to every Saturday. **MOTION** by Johnson/Pfaff to approve temporary extended Saturday hours from May-October, 2010, on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays. **Motion carried unanimously.** Geary excused.

APPROVE "PUT-OR-PAY" CLAUSE FOR CONTAMINATED SOIL PROJECTS CONTRACTS

Hank Koch explained that a "put-or-pay" clause would guarantee a minimum tonnage, which ensures that costs for preparing the landfill would be covered if less tonnage is received. There would be no penalty for delivering more than minimum tonnage. He recommended the clause for large deliveries of 1,000 or more tons. **MOTION** by Schroeder/Benrud to approve the Put-or Pay Clause for contaminated soil projects contracts. **Motion carried unanimously.**

DIRECTION ON LEGISLATIVE POLICY ISSUES, RESOLUTIONS FOR WCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE DUE JUNE 28, 2010

Steve O'Malley stated he is looking for items for staff to develop for WCA Resolutions. Supervisor Pfaff suggested a Resolution for the Legislature to leave highway monies alone.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: MAY 10, 2010

JOINT MEETING WITH AGING & LONG-TERM CARE COMMITTEE: APRIL 12, 2010, AT 5:00 P.M.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Special meeting regarding options for Vine Street between 3rd & 4th Streets before County Board meeting.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: MAY 10, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Pfaff/Schroeder to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Approved, May 10, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder