

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, August 10, 2011

1:15 P.M.

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

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** None

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve O'Malley, Gary Ingvalson, Margaret Norden, Ginny Dankmeyer, Bob Taunt, Ron Chamberlain, Jim Speropulos, David Lange, John Steers, Brian Fukuda, Sharon Davidson, Betsy Bloom

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

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF JULY 13, 2011, MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Plesha/Pedretti to approve the July 13, 2011, Committee Meeting.

**Motion carried unanimously.** Supervisor Hampson pointed out that "Public Workers" should be changed to "Public Works" under Future Agenda Items.

### **CONSENT AGENDA: JUNE INVESTMENT REPORT, MONTHLY ACCOUNT TRANSFERS, CHECK REQUISITIONS**

**MOTION** by Hampson/Billings to receive and file the June Investment Report, Monthly Account Transfers, Check Requisitions. **Motion carried unanimously.** Gary Ingvalson explained two additional account transfers. John Steers reported that the account transfer to purchase a more heavy-duty lift for the Medical Examiner's office is to prevent worker's compensation injuries. Further discussion was held regarding interest and bond market value.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None requested.

### **CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS**

None reported.

### **RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION FOR DEMOLITION OF LAKEVIEW FARM BUILDINGS**

The Resolution authorizes the Facilities Department to contract with the Highway Department on a time and equipment basis to demolish three buildings on the Lakeview Farm. The costs are estimated as follows: \$36,500 for labor, \$40,000 for equipment, and \$23,500 in landfill tipping fees. The asbestos abatement, and any other environmental issues that are encountered, will be bid out. Gary Ingvalson explained that the \$200,000 total estimated cost will be reimbursed by the TIF.

**MOTION** by Hampson/Billings to approve the Resolution Re: Authorization for Demolition of Lakeview Farm Buildings. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **RESOLUTION RE: GENERAL SUPERVISION OF THE MPO DIRECTOR**

The Resolution transfers supervision of the director of the Metropolitan Planning Organization from the director of Zoning, Planning and Land Information and the LAPC to the La Crosse County Administrator. Steve O'Malley provided background information about previous supervision of the MPO director. Chair Johnson asked to have a memo of explanation attached to the resolution for County Board. **MOTION** by Spiker/Plesha to approve the Resolution Re: General Supervision of the MPO Director. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### **RESOLUTION RE: CLAIM OF JOHN MALPHY**

The Resolution denies the claim of John Malphy, who alleges damages to his vehicle in the amount of \$85.00 from debris on Highway 16 that flew into the tire and rim of his automobile. Dave Lange explained that the debris was from the road buckling

due to weather conditions, and that it was fixed as soon as the condition was known. **MOTION** by Spiker/Hampson to approve the Resolution Re: Claim of John Malphy. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION RE: AUTHORIZATION TO REPLACE FACILITIES DEPARTMENT TRUCK**

The Resolution authorizes replacement of the Facilities Department truck that was recalled and bought back by Toyota for \$11,865.00. Bid response was received as follows:

Ewald Chevrolet & Buick	\$18,210.00
Brenengen Chevrolet	\$18,382.00
Ewald Hartford Ford	\$20,449.00

The funds for payment include the Toyota buy-back amount, proceeds from the sale of used kitchen equipment at \$6,478, and transfer of funds from the Major Capital Equipment Account in the amount of \$2,600. Discussion was held regarding the new state law that mandates accepting the low bid. **MOTION** by Spiker/Plesha to approve the Resolution Re: Authorization to Replace Facilities Department Truck. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**RESOLUTION RE: REORGANIZATION OF THE COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT MECHANICAL SHOP**

The Resolution addresses the Highway Department Shop reorganization to add a Shop Superintendent position. The number of staff will not be affected since an existing vacancy will not be filled. Ron Chamberlain reported that a review of the vacant position showed that there was a need for a more technical background and more supervisory authority. The cost of the position is a machinery fund expense and not budgeted under levy dollars. Discussion was held regarding other Highway Department employment vacancies that will be considered under the 2012 budget. **MOTION** by Spiker/Billings to approve the Resolution Re: Reorganization of the County Highway Department Mechanical Shop. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**DISCUSSION OF THE CONCEAL CARRY LAW – 2011 WISCONSIN ACT 35**

Corporation Counsel provided a memo to explain the new Conceal Carry Law, which was signed by Governor Walker and becomes effective on November 1, 2011. The memo addresses locations where a concealed weapon is or may be prohibited, and exceptions to those prohibitions. The memo recommended that the County enact an ordinance to establish a workplace weapons policy, and suggested considerations for such a policy. Dave Lange reviewed the license requirements, which include training and background checks, and stated that concealed weapons may include guns, knives and tasers. He reviewed the locations where the law prohibits weapons, such as courtrooms, jails, and law enforcement departments. He explained that other sites not covered under the State law must be designated with signage, but cannot include parks, the County Fairgrounds, or parking areas. Discussion was held regarding liability implications, and what responsibilities staff would have with regard to monitoring and reporting. The issue will be discussed with the County liability insurance carrier. Bob Taunt reported that an ordinance regarding employee considerations related to concealed weapons has been drafted. Supervisor Burke suggested using that as a springboard for expanding the ordinance to cover other considerations. **MOTION** by Hampson/Plesha to form a work group made up of a combination of staff and County Board Supervisors and to bring an ordinance to the Executive Committee at its September 7, 2011, meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Clerk's update on Voter ID and elections
- Initial borrowing resolution for short-term debt
- Meeting times

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Billings/Spiker to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

**Approved,** September 7, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder