

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Monday, April 11, 2011

Administrative Center – Room 3220

4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Spiker, Arlene Benrud, Jim Berns, Ralph Geary, Leon Pfaff, Jeff Schroeder

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jai Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Jim Speropulos, Hank Koch, Ron Chamberlain, Steve O'Malley, Margaret Norden, Keith Back, Randy Nedrelo, Mary Kaufmann, Doug Mormann, Jack Zabrowski, Marvin Wanders, Tom Faella, Noreen Holmes, Linda Lee, Paula Ramminger, Marvin Wanders, Aaron Ottesen, Carrie Melin, Jamie Klonowski, Tim Keneipp, Eric O'Neill, Isaac Pischke

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 7, 2011, COMMITTEE MEETING

MOTION by Berns/Schroeder to approve the Minutes of the March 7, 2011, Committee Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

CONSENT AGENDA (INFORMATIONAL)

MOTION by Pfaff/Benrud to accept and file the following Consent Agenda items.

Motion carried unanimously. Johnson excused.

- a. Minutes of Economic Development Fund Committee meeting of March 3, 2011
- b. Check Requisitions over \$20,000 (handout)
- c. WCHA Summer Conference information
- d. Solid Waste Director's report, including Gas to Energy report

Hank Koch responded to questions about the Gas to Energy project, and reported that bids will be coming to committee for approval at a joint meeting with the Executive Committee on May 9, 2011.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

Arlene Benrud was in Washington, DC, for WCHA, and reported they were told there is no money available from federal government.

RESOLUTION RE: ADOPTION OF COMPLETE STREETS POLICY FOR LA CROSSE COUNTY

The Resolution addresses the Complete Streets design concept that enables safe access for all users. It states that Complete Streets supports economic growth and community stability, improves air quality, relieves congestion, and enhances quality of life. Ron Chamberlain gave an overview of the factors that would determine if projects would qualify for funding. He reported that the County may be able to tap into state and federal monies. The final decision rests with the state Department of Transportation. Further discussion was held regarding the state/county financial split. Several members of the public attended and provided comments in favor of adopting the Resolution: Tim Keneipp, Aaron Otteson, and Isaac Pischke spoke about safety issues for bicyclists; Marvin Wanders spoke about the relationship between childhood obesity and children not walking and biking to school; and Jack Zabrowski, County Health Department, spoke about the positive impact on economic development, home values, and compact neighborhoods. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Schroeder to approve the Resolution Re: Adoption of Complete Streets Policy for La Crosse County. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

RESOLUTION RE: OPPOSING CUT TO GENERAL TRANSPORTATION AIDS

The Resolution addresses the priority placed on highway projects in the State budget, which proposes spending \$420 million for projects in southeast Wisconsin, and reducing General Transportation Aid (GTA) to counties and municipalities for county trunk highways and local streets and roadways by 10%. The proposed budget would reduce the 2012 La Crosse County road maintenance budget by more than \$160,000. Supervisor Geary stated that he felt the state should be able to set priorities. Further discussion was held regarding the segregated fund and whether the funds that the state borrowed from the segregated fund draw interest until paid back, and priorities placed on mega-projects in lieu of maintaining county roads that counties must then pay for. **MOTION** by Berns/Benrud to approve the Resolution Re: Opposing Cut to General Transportation Aids. **Motion carried 5-1.** Geary opposed; Johnson excused.

RESOLUTION RE: RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE INDIAN RESERVATION ROADS PROGRAM

The Resolution states that upkeep of some roadways is eligible for funding for tribal transportation projects, including cooperative agreements that make travel safer for the general public and Native American Tribal members. Funding is in jeopardy of being reduced or eliminated. The Resolution calls for support of continued funding that could impact maintenance of 50 miles of Indian Reservation roads in La Crosse County. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Schroeder to approve the Resolution Re: Resolution to Express Support for the Indian Reservation Roads Program. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

APPROVE SALT BUILDING UPGRADES BIDS

Keith Back reported that bids were received for repair of the La Crosse County Highway Department salt storage building, per plans of Servinski engineering that would meet State codes for wind and snow load, as follows:

Cary Specialized Services, Inc.	\$48,850.00
Structures Unlimited, LLC	\$107,850.00

Discussion was held regarding the wide discrepancy between the two bids, and Back reported that both firms had considered all the specifications, and had them reviewed by a structural engineer. Payment would not be approved until the work is completed. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Benrud to approve the bid by Cary Specialized Services, Inc., for repair of the La Crosse Highway Department salt storage building for \$48,850.00. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF UTILITY EASEMENT REQUEST BY THE VILLAGE OF WEST SALEM

The Resolution authorizes a 30 foot utility easement with the Village of West Salem for sanitary sewer and water main facilities through Veterans Memorial Park. **MOTION** by Berns/Geary to approve the Resolution Re: Approval of Utility Easement Request by the Village of West Salem. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

APPROVE THREE RIVERS OUTDOORS REQUEST TO HOLD EVENT AT GOOSE ISLAND

Jim Speropulos reported that Three Rivers Outdoors has requested to hold the 2011 Backwater Bash and Goose Island Grind, which is a canoe and kayak race and demonstration event, at Goose Island Park, on May 15, 2011. He stated Three Rivers Outdoors will provide proof of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approval and proof of insurance, and he recommended approval. **MOTION** by Schroeder/Benrud to approve Three Rivers Outdoors' Request to hold the 2011 Backwater Bash and

Goose Island Grind at Goose Island. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

RESOLUTION RE: OPPOSING ELIMINATION OF RECYCLING MANDATE

The Resolution states that the 2011-2013 State budget seeks to eliminate requirements that municipalities operate recycling programs, converts the Recycling and Renewable Energy Segregated Fund to the Economic Development Fund, and diverts revenue from landfill tipping fees surcharge into that fund. The surcharge fee originated as a source of funding for municipal recycling programs, and its elimination would result in a loss of at least \$320,000 to local municipalities.

MOTION by Spiker/Berns to approve the Resolution Re: Opposing Elimination of Recycling Mandate. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

APPROVE LEACHATE CLEANING BIDS

Hank Koch reported that the Wisconsin DNR requires the Solid Waste Department to annually jet clean the leachate collection system. Four vendors submitted proposals, and two were interviewed. Proposals were evaluated by a team from Purchasing and Solid Waste that scored points based on scope of work (60 points), cost (40 points) and interview (100 points) for a total possible of 200 points. Bid amounts and scores were as follows:

Vendor	Evaluation Score	Cost
Speedy Clean	190	\$41,025
Mid Valley	135	\$55,910
Infratech	Did not interview	\$98,625
Superior Jetting	Did not interview	\$67,840

Koch reported that lines are cleaned each year. He recommended Speedy Clean at a cost of \$41,025 over five years. **MOTION** by Geary/Pfaff to approve the bid of Speedy Clean for cleaning of the Solid Waste Department's leachate collection system for \$41,025 over five year. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

RECONSIDERATION OF SOLID WASTE CITIZENS UNLOADING AREA HOURS

Following approval of Saturday hours for the citizens unloading area, staff took another look at the need for also having the landfill open to haulers. If they were not open to haulers and would therefore not need to pay St. Joseph's Construction to be there, they would save the County approximately \$4,200. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Schroeder to reconsider the March, 2011, approval of Solid Waste Department citizens unloading area hours. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

MOTION by Pfaff/Schroeder to amend the Solid Waste Department Saturday hours to be limited to the citizens unloading area, and to be closed to haulers. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: MAY 9, 2011

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1 cent gas tax figures

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Schroeder/Geary to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson excused. The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Approved, May 9, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder