

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Monday, May 9, 2011

Administrative Center – Room 3220

4:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jai Johnson, Charles Spiker

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF & GUESTS: Jim Speropulos, Hank Koch, Ron Chamberlain, Steve O'Malley, Margaret Norden, Keith Back, Nick Nichols, Mary Kaufmann, Sharon Hampson

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Jim Berns called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 11, 2011, COMMITTEE MEETING

MOTION by Schroeder/Geary to approve minutes of the April 11, 2011, committee meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson, Spiker excused.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion carried unanimously. Johnson, Spiker excused.

- a. Minutes of LEC Construction Committee of April 5, 2011
- b. Check Requisitions over \$20,000 (handout)
- c. Highway Department year-end report (handout)

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

Supervisor Benrud attended WCHA meeting where there was extensive debate about bylaws.

REPORT ON TRAFFIC STUDY OF COUNTY B & BW

Ron Chamberlain reported that, rather than conduct an expensive traffic study, he looked at possible solutions himself. He distributed a proposed redesign of the intersection that included a 100 ft. taper, a left turn lane, and no parking zones north and south of the intersection. The design can be done in-house as part of summer painting projects. He will talk to adjacent businesses to be sure there is no objection, and report back to the committee at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION RE: COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

The Resolution calls for utilizing equipment and manpower from other counties to save on costs, and authorizes the County Highway Commissioner to determine appropriate cooperative agreements with adjacent counties and to sign such agreements upon approval of Corporation Counsel. Ron Chamberlain reported that agreements are in place in the central region of the state, and formalize a process that has traditionally been used among counties. He gave examples of expensive, specialized equipment that can be shared, such as paving equipment. The agreement does not tie the County's hands, but keeps departments mindful of ways they can consolidate efforts and spend less. **MOTION** by Schroeder/Benrud to approve the Resolution Re: County Highway Department Cooperative Agreements. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson, Spiker excused.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVE STORANDT REQUEST FOR ACCESS EASEMENT

The Resolution states that the owners of EMJAY Enterprises, LLC, on Highway 16, were granted an easement that was terminated with a change in ownership. Jim Speropulos reported that it grants the owners of a new business, SKYTIME Investments, LLC, the same easement rights to access their business, which will be terminated with any change in ownership. **MOTION** by Geary/Schroeder to approve the Resolution Re: Approve Storandt Request for Access Easement. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson, Spiker excused.

APPROVE TIMBER SALE BIDS FOR MINDORO PARK

Jim Speropulos reported that lump sum bids were received for timber at Mindoro County Park as follows:

Meister Log & Lumber Co.	\$16,130.00
Koxlien Bros. Wood Products, Inc.	\$10,261.74
Hawkeye Forest Products	\$9,547.00

Speropulos recommended Meister Log & Lumber Co. The timber harvesting will not begin until September, 2011, and has a time limit of February, 2012, to be completed. In response to Supervisor Schroeder’s question about best timber prices, Mary Kaufmann reported that she spoke to Jim Dalton, DNR, and Gregg Stangl, La Crosse County Land Conversation, who both felt that Meister was a strong bid. Supervisor Pfaff asked if proceeds would be used for Mindoro Park improvements. Speropulos explained that the Finance Department procedure was to place the proceeds in the Parks Revenue Account in the general fund in 2011, and then request to carry forward to the Mindoro Park fund during the budget process for 2012. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Geary to approve the timber sale bid of Meister Log & Lumber Co. of \$16,130.00, and reserve the dollar amount for improvements in Mindoro Park in 2012. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson, Spiker excused.

RESOLUTION RE: APPROVE NAME FOR THE ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY AT HILLVIEW HEALTH CARE

The Resolution provides for a name for the assisted living facility under construction at the Hillview campus that complies with County ordinance that no building exceeding 3,000 square feet may be named after an individual. Hillview staff and residents were asked to vote on a list of suggested names, and the name Hillview Terrace received the most votes. That name was approved by the Aging and Long-Term Care Committee. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Benrud to approve the Resolution Re: Approve Name for the Assisted Living Facility at Hillview Health Care, with the name Hillview Terrace. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson, Spiker excused.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING & CONFLICT WITH WCHA CONFERENCE ON JUNE 6, 2011

Consensus of committee was to hold the next meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None requested.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Schroeder/Pfaff to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** Johnson, Spiker excused. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Approved, June 9, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder