

## **PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

Monday, August 8, 2011

Administrative Center – Room 3220

4:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charles Spiker, Arlene Benrud, Ralph Geary, Jai Johnson, Leon Pfaff, Jeff Schroeder

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Jim Berns

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Hank Koch, Ron Chamberlain, Jim Speropulos, Margaret Norden, Keith Back, Sharon Hampson, Tara Johnson, Bryan Jostad, Tom Faella, David Lange

### **ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None requested.

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2011**

**MOTION** by Johnson/Schroeder to approve the Minutes of July 11, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns excused.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Pfaff/Johnson to accept and file the following Consent Agenda items. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns excused.

- Minutes of Economic Development Fund Committee meeting of July 1, 2011
- Check Requisitions over \$20,000 (handout)
- Solid Waste Director's Report

### **CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT**

Supervisor Benrud was in Madison and reported a very good meeting with the Secretary of Transportation.

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

The Resolution addresses the demolition of three buildings on the Lakeview Farm. The Facilities Department will contract with the Highway Department on a time and equipment basis estimated at \$36,500 for labor, \$40,000 for equipment, and \$23,000 for landfill tipping fees, for an estimated total cost of \$100,000. The asbestos abatement, and any other environmental issues, will be bid out to an environmental firm. Jim Speropulos reported that a well has been located, which will be abandoned properly. **MOTION** by Johnson/Schroeder to approve the Resolution Re: Authorization for Demolition of Lakeview Farm Buildings. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns excused.

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

The Resolution states that the Facilities Department needs to replace the 13-year-old truck that was recalled and bought back by Toyota. Responses to bids were received as follows:

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

Jim Speropulos recommended purchasing a 2012 Chevy Colorado compact truck from Ewald Chevrolet & Buick. Funds are available from the sale of kitchen equipment and the Toyota buy-back funds. The \$2,600.00 remainder would be a capital equipment expense. Speropulos explained that State law now mandates that low bid must be accepted, with the exception of professional services. **MOTION** by Benrud/Johnson to approve the Resolution Re: Authorization to Replace Facilities Department Truck. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns excused.

#### **APPROVE QUOTE FOR JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITY SHOWER EPOXY COATING**

Jim Speropulos explained that the showers in the Juvenile Detention Facility are in need of epoxy coating. Bids were received as follows:

Dynamic Concrete Resurfacing	\$23,431.95
Klein-Dickert Co., Inc.	\$30,871.00

**MOTION** by Benrud/Johnson to approve epoxy coating for the Juvenile Detention Facility showers at a cost of \$23,431.95. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns excused.

#### **APPROVE BID TO CONDUCT LIGHTING RETROFIT STUDY**

Jim Speropulos reported that Focus on Energy recommended a lighting study at the West Salem Highway Shop to review the building for cost savings. Bids were received as follows for a consultant to recommend lighting replacements:

US Lamp	\$8,918.00
HSR Associates	\$9,304.65

Although the US Lamp bid was lower, it includes travel charges of \$218.00, which may increase if there are additional trips. Speropulos recommended HSR, which is locked in firm at their price per square foot. The County does not have to accept low bid because it is a professional service. **MOTION** by Schroeder/Johnson to approve the bid of HSR Associates for a lighting retrofit study at a cost of \$9,304.65. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns excused.

#### **REVIEW AND ACT ON TOWN OF CAMPBELL RECOMMENDATION REGARDING COUNTY B & BW INTERSECTION**

Ron Chamberlain provided a response from the Town of Campbell to the proposed redesign of the County B/BW intersection. Their letter stated the Town Board voted to oppose the turn lane as presented. The letter proposed modifications, including a shortened no parking area on County B and consideration of a no parking strip on the south side of BW before the intersection, but stated that the Town Board did not vote on those suggestions.

Chamberlain stated that the Town's proposed modifications are contrary to standards, and could present a liability issue. He recommended not going forward with a redesign.

**MOTION** by Schroeder/Pfaff to table the redesign of the intersection of County Highways B & BW indefinitely. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns excused.

#### **REVIEW AND ACT ON PORTABLE SIGNAL BIDS**

Ron Chamberlain reported that portable signals are used in work zones where flag people are not present to control traffic. Having signals removes people from potentially dangerous situations, and saves labor costs. The only RFP response was evaluated by a team from the Highway Department on the following criteria: Specifications and feature (20 points), warranty and incentives (10 points), cost (50 points), and interview (20 points). Sherwin Industries received an evaluation score of 85 at a cost of \$58,518.75. **MOTION** by Benrud/Johnson to approve the bid for portable signal lights by Sherwin Industries at a cost of \$58,518.75. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns excused.

**REVIEW AND ACT ON PROPOSALS FOR RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION SERVICES, CTH OA**

Ron Chamberlain showed the County Highway OA project, which includes straightening out two S curves. It is being funded in part with highway safety funds. He explained that the State DOT gave the funding committee a proposal, which was unsuccessful, so a section of the project is unfunded by the State. Until the funding and alignment is resolved there will be either a stop sign or a 25 mph curve temporarily. There are 28 parcels involved, including a schoolhouse that has been designated by the State as a historic building. He presented the following bids for right of way acquisition services, and recommended Timber-Selissen Land Specialists.

MSA Professional Services	\$77,950.00
TerraVenture Advisors	No response
Timber-Selissen Land Specialists	\$62,050.00

**MOTION** by Schroeder/Pfaff to approve the bid of Timber-Selissen Land Specialists for \$62,050 for right of way acquisition services for County Highway OA project. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns excused.

**REVIEW AND ACT ON STATE SALT BID**

Ron Chamberlain presented a bid of \$57.07 by North American Salt. The bid is under state contract. There was an increase of 7.88% over last winter. The County has a guaranteed purchase of 6,500 tons with an option for 1.625 tons more. **MOTION** by Benrud/Pfaff to approve the State Salt bid by North American Salt for \$57.07. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns excused.

**REVIEW AND ACT ON PLOW BLADE BID**

Ron Chamberlain provided bids for plow blades and bolts for the upcoming winter season as follows:

Roland Machinery	\$48,285.42
Gray's Inc.	\$51,959.06
US Blade & Chain	\$52,293.49
Burke Truck Equipment	\$58,258.20

He recommended Roland Machinery. **MOTION** by Johnson/Geary to approve the bid of Roland Machinery for plow blades and bolts at \$48,285.42. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns excused.

**REVIEW AND ACT ON GUARDRAIL BID**

Ron Chamberlain provided bids for guard beam materials, as follows:

Safety Highway & Firelands Supply	\$103,140.00
Highway Construction Products	\$130,957.00
Johnston Fargo Culvert	\$152,400.00

Chamberlain explained that Safety Highway & Firelands Supply proposed using a used beam guard, which he stated appears in like new condition and is not made of material that deteriorates. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Johnson to approve the bid of Safety Highway & Firelands Supply for guardrail materials at a cost of \$103,140.00. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns excused.

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

The Resolution revises the organizational structure in the Highway Department and proposes creating a Shop Superintendent position. The new position will not add to the number of staff, since another position has been vacant and will not be filled. Ron Chamberlain reported that the position will be a supervisory, non-union position. The job

duties will include working on specifications and with technical data. The position will be funded out of the machinery fund. **MOTION** by Benrud/Johnson to approve the Resolution Re: Reorganization of the County Highway Department Shop. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns excused.

**ORDINANCE #93: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SS.8.04(1) AND (4)(A) OF CHAPTER 8 OF THE GENERAL CODE OF LA CROSSE COUNTY WISCONSIN, REGARDING DRIVEWAY ACCESS TO COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAYS**

Ron Chamberlain reported that Chapter 8 of the General Code does not have a permit process for County-owned roads within municipal boundaries. The Ordinance revision will mandate that property owners obtain a permit to construct a private driveway that abuts a County Trunk Highway or is within 200 feet of an intersection to a County Trunk Highway. It deletes the language pertaining to unincorporated areas of the County, and makes the permit requirement applicable to all roads that the County Highway Department maintains, whether in incorporated or unincorporated areas. **MOTION** by Benrud/Johnson to approve Ordinance #93: An Ordinance to Amend SS.8.04(1) and (4)(a) of Chapter 8 of the General Code of La Crosse County Wisconsin, regarding Driveway Access to County Trunk Highways. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns excused.

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: TO BE DETERMINED (DISCUSS CONFLICT WITH LABOR DAY HOLIDAY)**

Committee consensus was to hold the next meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2011.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None requested.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Schroeder/Geary to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

**Approved,** September 8, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder