

**Minutes of the Public Works Committee
December 7, 2017**

Chair Dave Swan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Dave Swan (Chair), Darlene Johnson, Richard Morris, Tom Schellinger, Chuck Wood, and Keith Hammitt. **Absent:** Steve Whittow

Others Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Director of Public Works Allison Bussler, Landscape Architect Nicki Jenson, Facilities Supervisor Javier Ramos, Facilities Manager Shane Waeghe, Register of Deeds Jim Behrend, Budget Management Specialist Bill Duckwitz, Engineering Services Manager Gary Evans, and Maintenance Mechanic III Mark Breu. Minutes Recorded by Beth Schwartz, County Board Office.

Approve Minutes of October 24, 2017

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Wood to approve the minutes of October 24, 2017. Motion carried 6-0.

Correspondence

- Public Works general fund transfer within the Building Improvement Plan to replace water heaters at the Mental Health Center (\$25,000) and upgrade the fire panel system for county buildings (\$80,000).

Future Meeting Date: January 11, 2018

Future Agenda Items: Hear reports from advisory committees (Morris and Johnson), summary of PW projects in 2017 (Swan), update on deer kill program moved to DOT (Swan), and follow up on petition for rehearing decision on West Waukesha Bypass railroad crossing

Executive Committee Report of November 20, 2017

Swan reported on items discussed at the Executive Committee meeting: approved an ordinance and a resolution to modify County investment policy, heard an update on Regional Transit Leadership Council Executive Committee and Wisconsin Workforce Development Association Board, and heard standing committee reports by committee chairs.

Discuss and Consider Bid for Expo Center Pavement Management Projects

Jenson said the bid items for the Expo Center pavement projects include storm sewer improvements, color concrete in front of the Arena building for crosswalks and insets, alternative pavement marking materials and movable bollards. Out of three bids the contract was awarded to All-Ways Contractors, Inc. for \$1,077,429.85. Jenson used a diagram to show phase one and pointed out the worst conditions including the pavement heaving at the doorway and the need for structural stoops. Johnson asked if All-Ways Contractors, Inc. has ever worked with the County before, and Jenson said they have worked on multiple projects with the County.

MOTION: Wood moved, second by Johnson to approve the bid for Expo Center pavement management projects. Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss and Consider Bid for Law Enforcement Center (LEC) Smokestack Modifications Maintenance Project

Ramos said the LEC chimney (commonly referred to as smokestack) is showing signs of degradation and corrosion that requires repairs and modifications. These repairs and modifications are necessary to maintain the proper operation of the heating equipment and the safety of the building staff and inhabitants. With modifications to the stainless steel metal a more efficient smokestack will create less heat and prevent the leaking in of carbon monoxide. Out of two bids, the contract was awarded to Mared Mechanical Corp. in the

amount of \$93,495. Waeghe went into detail about the degradation and corrosion process that leads to such repairs and modifications.

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Hammitt to approve the bid for LEC smokestack modifications maintenance project. Motion carried 6-0.

Update on West Waukesha Bypass

Bussler said there has been positive feedback and the bypass is open for driving on both sides. The state's portion of the project faces the most obstacles. The Wisconsin Southern Railroad objected to an at-grade street level crossing, and the railroad commissioner ordered in a preliminary decision a separated grade crossing. This would result in a significant project increase in both cost and time, which puts completing the project in jeopardy due to the funding cap. So far the entire project has stayed within budget but this new development calls the ability to do so into question. With every year the project is delayed the more money it costs, meaning limited term easements will expire, maintenance that has been on hold until the rebuild cannot be put off for another four years, and the environmental impact statement will need to be redone. Bussler discussed the opportunity to petition for a rehearing with the railroad commissioner. Errors in calculations were discovered which can result in a rehearing as the grieved party who has been wronged. The Department of Transportation (DOT) will be a separate petitioner in this rehearing. The legislature and governor have been contacted for support in seeking the commissioner to decide for an at-grade crossing. There is one train that crosses twice a day, 6 days a week. Bussler also said the accident rate at the crossing in question is 2.5 times more than other highways, and delaying this portion of the project will put off lowering the number of accidents. Morris spoke to the organization of the railroad commission he serves on and its separation from the railroad commissioner, a governor appointee. Evans said he and Bussler do not have control over the final decision.

Legislative Update

Spaeth updated the committee on the speaker's taskforce on foster care with 13 pieces of recommended legislation. The County supports the initiatives including a grant program and a committee to study foster care worker caseload. The sexually violent persons bill's authors will propose an amendment that persons should return to their original municipality. The bill still states the County would be responsible for placement to which the County is opposed.

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Morris
Secretary