

**Minutes of the Public Works Committee
September 28, 2017**

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

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

Others Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Director of Public Works Allison Bussler, Business Manager Betsy Forrest, Waukesha Metro Transit Manager Brian Engelking, Wisconsin Coach Lines President Tom Dieckelman, Airport Manager Kurt Stanich, Waukesha Metro Finance Director Kari Bloedow, Highway Operations Manager Pete Chladil, Fleet Manager Bob Rauchle, Senior Fiscal Specialist Rhiannon Cupkie, Engineering Services Manager Gary Evans, Facilities Manager Shane Waeghe, and Budget Management Specialist Bill Duckwitz. Minutes Recorded by Beth Schwartz, County Board Office.

Approve Minutes of September 14, 2017

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Johnson to approve the minutes of September 14, 2017. Motion carried 6-0.

Future Meeting Date: October 12, 2017

Future Agenda Item: Strategic Planning (Bussler).

Discuss and Consider the 2018 Operating Budget for Transit Services:

Engelking, Bussler, Bloedow, and Forrest discussed the 2018 operating budget for Transit Services, including the financial and positions summaries, strategic outcomes and objectives, program highlights, and activity data. Both revenues and expenditures total \$1,052,725, an increase of \$4,311 from the adopted 2017 budget. The County tax levy totals \$867,700, no change from 2017. A fare increase of \$0.25 is planned for the 900 series routes, paratransit fares are anticipated to increase \$0.50 for standard zones and \$1.50 for extended zones, making paratransit fares \$7.00 for standard zones and \$10.00 for extended zones. No major concerns were voiced pertaining to this budget.

MOTION: Wood moved, second by Johnson to approve the 2018 budget for Transit Services. Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss and Consider the 2018 Operating Budget for the Public Works Department

Bussler, Forrest and other department staff discussed the 2018 operating budget for the Public Works Department, including the financial and positions summaries, strategic outcomes and objectives, budget and program highlights, and activity data. Total all funds, revenues total \$21,440,358, an increase of \$146,959 or 0.7% from the adopted 2017 budget. The County tax levy totals \$11,179,428, an increase of \$70,000 or 0.6%. Expenditures total \$32,428,137, an increase of \$29,677 or 0.1%. The positions summary shows an increase of .70 for a total of 145.21 FTE positions. Energy and utility budget costs for county facilities decreased due to lower anticipated natural gas costs based on lower contracted natural gas rates. Maintenance and improvements will take place at the Mental Health Center and conference room tables will be replaced in the Administration Center. Additional revenues are anticipated for a new Airport hangar being built as part of the 2016 fixed-based operator contract. County Highway Maintenance program budget will include a replacement attenuator crash pad for protection on highway trunks performing maintenance and replacement of electronic arrow boards. Road salt expenditures for county highway snow removal operations are budgeted to decrease due to salt rates decreasing. No major concerns were voiced pertaining to this budget.

MOTION: Whittow moved, second by Morris to approve the 2018 budget for the Public Works Department.

Motion carried 6-0.

Executive Committee Report of September 18, 2017

Swan reported on the following items discussed at the Executive Committee meeting:

- Discussed proposed scopes for Parks and Land Use and Department of Administration tax listing audits
- Determined sale values on County-owned foreclosure properties less than \$5,000
- Considered and approved three appointments
- Heard standing committee reports from committee chairs and Capital Plan projects were discussed

Legislative Update

In budget news, the Governor struck a deal to veto or partially veto for all the holdouts in the Senate except for one vote. With a partial veto on the federal swap bill, the Department of Transportation (DOT) can implement the program when they want to. However, it is necessary to put pressure on the DOT as there is no plan when and how they will administer the program. The transportation budget includes increases in local road programs but the disappointment lies in no funding for I94 E/W or the upper leg of the Zoo Interchange. The Assembly wants session wrapped up by January 2018. The Dark Stores bill is the number one priority to the County. The Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) sent out an action alert for all county board supervisors to reach out to their legislators and persuade them to pass the bill as quickly as possible. A well-organized lobbying entity for manufacturing and commerce opposes the bill. The votes are in the Assembly but not in the Senate.

MOTION: Whittow moved, second by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Morris
Secretary