

Minutes of the Public Works Committee

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Chair Swan called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Dave Swan, Darlene Johnson, Jennifer Grant, Richard Morris, and Tom Schellinger. Steve Whittow arrived at 8:15 a.m. **Absent:** Keith Hammitt.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Waukesha Metro Transit Manager Brian Engelking, Senior Civil Engineer Karen Braun, Business Manager Rhiannon Cupkie, Director of Public Works Allison Bussler, Wisconsin Coachlines President Tom Dieckelman, Budget Management Specialist Bill Duckwitz, Budget Manager Linda Witkowski, Citizens Michael Schindhilm and Barbara Pfarr, and County Board Supervisors Ted Wysocki, Joel Gaughan, Paul Decker, Tom Michalski, Dave Zimmermann, Duane Paulson, Tim Dondlinger, Bill Mitchell, Tyler Foti, and Jim Heinrich.

Approve Minutes of October 10, 2019

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Schellinger to approve the minutes of October 10. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment

Pfarr spoke in support of transit services and said it is important for economic development. She asked that the County set-up a blue ribbon commission to study transit issues.

Executive Committee Report of October 14 and 22, 2019

Swan indicated the Executive Committee, at their last two meetings, approved an ordinance amending the Code, heard standing committee reports and the Chair's report on economic development and transportation issues, and approved the appointment of John Gaidosh as Veteran Service Officer.

Future Meeting Dates

- December 5, 2019
- January 16, 2020

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 174-O-070 Laying Out, Relocation And Improvement Of County Trunk Highway M N. Calhoun Rd. To N. 124th Street Waukesha County Project I.D. 2759-03-00 Revision #4

Braun discussed this ordinance which authorizes the fourth revision to the laying out, relocation and improvement of CTH M, North Avenue, in the City of Brookfield and the Village of Elm Grove.

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Grant to approve Ordinance 174-O-070. Motion carried 5-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 174-O-071 Sale Of Excess Right Of Way CTH I – River Road Town Of Mukwonago

Braun discussed this ordinance which authorizes the sale of about 0.191 acres of land originally

acquired as a right of way for a highway reconstruction project (#200427) on County Trunk Highway I (River Road). The land has been determined to be excess right of way, with the Department of Public Works estimating the value at \$1. The department indicated that the land is essentially without value because the county cut a steep hill into this land. The reason for the sale is because the owner has a pasture fence already on the land that they would like to be able to maintain rather than paying to move the fence. Proceeds will be deposited into the capital project. No additional funds are being appropriated with this ordinance.

MOTION: Schellinger moved, second by Johnson to approve Ordinance 174-O-071. Motion carried 5-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 174-O-072 Sale Of Excess Right Of Way CTH L – Janesville Road City Of Muskego

Braun discussed this ordinance which authorizes the sale of about 0.036 acres of land for a fair market value of \$2,700. The land was originally acquired for the highway reconstruction project (#200011) on County Trunk Highway L (CTH L) in the City of Muskego. The project is completed and the land has been determined to be excess right of way. Proceeds will be deposited into the capital project. No additional funds are being appropriated with this ordinance.

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Schellinger approve Ordinance 174-O-072. Motion carried 5-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 174-O-073 Approve Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement With Waukesha Metro For Administration Of The Waukesha County Transit System

Bussler and Cupkie discussed this ordinance which authorizes the Public Works Department to enter into an intergovernmental cooperation agreement with the City of Waukesha (Waukesha Metro) to continue to provide transit administration services for Waukesha County. This contract was previously award through a request for proposal process. Services to be provided include vendor contract management and grants management of federal and state transit funding including required reporting and regulation compliance. The term of the agreement is for five years from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2024. The 2020 agreement amount of \$147,700 can increase annually by 3% or the Employment Cost Index for the Midwest Area, whichever is less.

The 2020 Transportation Budget, as presented to the County Board by the County Executive, includes sufficient expenditures and is eligible for state/federal reimbursement at a 2020 rate of 54.58% or \$80,615. Tax levy of \$67,085 is included in the proposed budget.

Whittow arrived at 8:15 a.m.

MOTION: Schellinger moved, second by Morris to approve Ordinance 174-O-073. Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 174-O-059 Approve Termination Of Waukesha County Transit Route 906, Effective December 1, 2019

This ordinance was referred back to committee at the October 22 County Board meeting for further discussion and reconsideration. Bussler, Engelking and Cupkie were present to discuss this ordinance which involves terminating route 906 which provides weekday commuter service

between the village of Mukwonago, the village of Big Bend, the city of New Berlin, and downtown Milwaukee. The contract would cease on December 1, 2019 with the last day of actual service on November 29, 2019. The 2020 County Executive Proposed Budget assumes the discontinuation of route 906. Ridership on this route has declined for several years while operating investment per ride has increased. By discontinuing route 906, the County is able to prioritize higher utilized routes while maintaining the County's support at \$867,700 (in the 2020 proposed budget). It was noted that this route cost \$10,000 to \$15,000 per month in County tax levy during 2019.

Johnson shared with the committee the results of a survey she conducted with route 906 riders and described the amendment she drafted to the 2020 budget. Wysocki asked the committee to vote against the ordinance as he feels it has not provided riders enough time. Bussler said riders were notified in September which follows our past practice with ending other routes.

MOTION: Whittow moved, second by Grant to approve Ordinance 174-O-059. Motion carried 4-2. Schellinger and Johnson voted no.

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Whittow to adjourn at 8:51 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Johnson

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