

**Minutes of the Public Works Committee
June 10, 2010**

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

Committee Members Present: County Board Supervisors David Swan (Chair), Pauline Jaske, Walter Kolb, Pamela Meyer, Kathy Chiaverotti and Tom Schellinger.

Absent: Supervisor Peter Gundrum.

Also Present: Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Legislative Associate Karen Phillips, Director of Parks and Land Use Dale Shaver, Director of Public Works Allison Bussler, Corporation Counsel Tom Farley, Airport Manager Keith Markano, Senior Financial Analyst Vince Masterson, Freeman Reporter Joe Petrie, County Executive Chief of Staff Ellen Nowak.

Approve Minutes of May 13, 2010

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Kolb, to approve the minutes of May 13, 2010.
Motion carried 6-0.

Correspondence

- Copy of email from Gary Evans to Dave Swan regarding the Waukesha West Bypass.
- Letter from Allison Bussler to Gary Knerr of WisDOT regarding STH 74 and CTH W – intersection traffic signals.

Executive Committee Meeting of May 17, 2010

- Swan stated that Janel Brandtjen was elected as Secretary of the Executive Committee.
- Committee duties and responsibilities were reviewed.

Future Meeting Date

- June 23, 2010, at 6:15 p.m. if necessary
- July 15, 2010

Future Agenda Items

Swan stated that future Public Works Committee meetings would be held at various locations such as the Airport, Communications Center, County Parks, etc. Tours of facilities will also be agendized for future meetings, specifically a tour of the newly renovated Medical Examiner's Office.

Ordinance 165-O-022: Amend Waukesha County 2010 Budget To Discontinue The Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Program And Transfer The 2010 Appropriated Funding Of \$440,000 To Increase Capital Project 200918 Energy Efficiency And Conservation Block Grant Implementation For Additional Project Expenditures

Shaver discussed this ordinance that modifies the 2010 adopted budget to terminate the Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Program in the Non-Departmental operating budget. He briefly reviewed the history of the allocation of stimulus funds in 2009, of which \$440,000 had been appropriated to provide revolving loans to businesses for energy saving projects and to be administered by the WCEDC. Since then, Waukesha County has learned that the restrictions and requirements put forth by the Department of Energy presented many obstacles. It was discovered 50% of the allocation amount (\$220,000) must be set aside in reserve for failed loans. In accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act, prevailing wage was required to be paid on these projects, which was higher than anticipated. Shaver stated that many communities around the country are experiencing the same issues. Schellinger asked

for some specific examples. Shaver said he does not have a list with him, but cited Milwaukee and Dane Counties as examples.

As outlined in the ordinance, Shaver recommended the Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Program be pulled and the funds transferred to the 2010 Capital Project – Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Implementation for the installation of a solar hot water system in the Law Enforcement Center and Jail.

Keckeisen explained the details of the solar hot water project. The life expectancy of the equipment is about 25 years, if properly maintained. He assured that the costs for proper maintenance would be nowhere near the savings that would be generated. The return on investment would be about 8.6 years. Lengthy discussion ensued and Shaver and Keckeisen satisfactorily answered questions raised by the Committee members. Mader reminded the Committee of the purpose of stimulus funds.

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Chiaverotti, to approve Ordinance 165-O-022.
Motion carried 6-0.

Update on the Energy Efficiency Block Grant

Shaver gave a brief update on Capital Project 200918 – Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Implementation, including the following:

- Retzer Renewable Energy (Geothermal) Project should be completed by August 2010.
- The Law Enforcement Solar Thermal System Project will progress if approved by the County Board and its Committees.
- Two ice arena projects (HVAC upgrade at Eble and the waste heat recovery project at Nagawaukee). The Nagawaukee project could lead to about \$20,000 in cost savings per year.
- Various countywide lighting projects – advancing technology in this area will provide a 2-4 year return on investment for the lighting upgrades.

Ordinance 165-O-020: Approve Placement Of Advisory Referendum Question On November Ballot

MOTION: Chiaverotti moved, second by Jaske, to approve Ordinance 165-O-020.

Bussler reviewed this ordinance that would approve the placement of an advisory referendum question on the November ballot in order to constitutionally protect the State's segregated transportation fund. She explained the State of Wisconsin funds its transportation network through user fees (gas tax and registration fee) that are placed in a segregated transportation fund. The State has transferred approximately \$1.2 billion from the State's segregated transportation fund to the State's general fund and replaced it with approximately \$800 million in General Obligation (GO) bonds, thereby reducing the amount available for transportation purposes by about \$400 million. This practice has hurt the State's GO bond rating, now reportedly the second worst GO bond rating in the country.

Nowak stated County Executive Vrakas has taken the lead by bringing forth this ordinance for an advisory referendum. It is one way the County can take a stand and send a message. Bussler added that this effort has become statewide. She advised amending lines 50-52 of the ordinance by removing the statement that follows the question in order to be more consistent to referendums that other Counties are bringing forth. Mader stated that the Executive Committee, as the presenting committee, could amend the ordinance. Farley added that it could also be amended on the board floor.

Bussler warned that amending the State Constitution is a lengthy process. The soonest it could be on the ballot would be 2013. A resolution would have to be approved the State Legislature in two consecutive sessions before going to the voters. Schellinger asked if there is a sense that all 72 counties will have this type of advisory referendum. Bussler stated she believes the vast majority of counties will do something. Meyer asked if there is any way to accomplish this in a more timely manner. Bussler suggested that perhaps the candidates running for governor would address this issue during their campaigns. Consequently, some changes could possibly happen earlier.

Bussler referred to a handout showing that the vast majority of states do have constitutional language segregating the transportation fund. After further discussion, Bussler stated she would provide additional information on the segregated transportation fund balance to those committee members who requested more details.

Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 165-O-021: Repeal And Recreation Of Section 9-1 Of The Waukesha County Code Of Ordinances To Establish An Airport Operations Commission For Advice, Direction And Review Of All Airport Operations

Bussler reminded the Committee that in the 2010 Waukesha County adopted budget, an objective was included to create a committee to reevaluate and make recommendations regarding the current organizational structure of the Airport. She reviewed the membership of the study workgroup. The workgroup met seven times from February to April 2010 to review the organizational history of the airport services in Waukesha County; statutory provisions relating to county airports; role of an airport commission; analysis of staffing organizational options, and the strengths and weaknesses of the different organizational options and oversight.

Bussler and Markano continued with an overview of the *Waukesha County Airport Organization Study Workgroup Report* as outlined, including the workgroup's recommendations regarding the role of an appointed airport advisory body and the administrative staffing organization for the airport as specified in the ordinance. The Code of Ordinances would be repealed and recreated to define the composition and role of the newly named Airport Operations Commission. Furthermore, the Airport Operations Commission, staff, and operations would be incorporated as a division of the Public Works Department. The proposed 2011 budget would reflect the structural reorganization.

In closing, Swan stated the citizens of the County and staff will benefit from this change. Markano voiced his support for the proposed change. Bussler said this would be very beneficial for the Airport as well. In response to Meyer's question, Bussler stated the Airport would remain an enterprise fund.

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Schellinger, to approve Ordinance 165-O-021.
Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 165-O-017: Authorization Of Sixty-Day Extension Of Lease Between Quad/Air LLC And Waukesha County Of Airport Hangar

MOTION: Schellinger moved, second by Kolb, to approve Ordinance 165-O-017.

Farley stated that Quad/Air LLC has requested a period of 60 days to continue their lease rate at the existing rate before deciding whether to exercise its option to renew the lease for another 5 years. He explained that the company is in transition right now, as it is currently in the process of acquiring

another company. Quad is facing many decisions that could have long-term implications on aviation activity at the Airport. Farley advised the approval of this ordinance, which would extend the current lease until August 31, 2010.

Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 165-O-018: Amendment Of Declaration Of Covenants And Restrictions For Buildings And Structures Of Waukesha County Airport Development District/Corporate Hangar Area Development

MOTION: Kolb moved, second by Jaske, to approve Ordinance 165-O-018.

Markano began with the history of the Corporate Hangar Area Development District of the Waukesha County Airport, which was constructed in 1999. The current Declaration of Covenants restricts the permitted uses in the Corporate Hangar Area to aircraft storage and does not allow the area to be used for aeronautical services. Stein Aircraft Services, LLC, an aircraft management company, has proposed using a hangar in the Corporate Hangar area for aeronautical services. Markano advised that it would be beneficial to allow Stein to provide services from this area, as the Corporate Hangar Area business has not been growing. Permitted uses would include specialized commercial flying services; aircraft charter and unscheduled air taxi; aircraft airframe, engine and accessory maintenance and repair and flight training. Allowing the operation of specialized aeronautical services may result in additional annual revenues estimated at about \$4,900 if the four remaining lots are leased and involved in providing aeronautical services.

Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 165-O-019: Approve Operating Agreement Between Waukesha County And Stein Aircraft Services, LLC

MOTION: Schellinger moved, second by Chiaverotti, to approved Ordinance 165-O-019.

Markano explained this is the final step to allow Stein Aircraft Services, LLC, to operate out of the former Safro hangar. The ordinance would approve the airport operating agreement with Stein, which is a sublease to an existing lease with Select Leasing. The sublease agreement involves a new provision for the aeronautical services that results in an increase in the land rate, as outlined in the fiscal note. The agreement is expected to result in additional revenues estimated at \$1800 annually with a Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase applied each year for the five-year lease.

Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Kolb moved, second by Jaske, to adjourn at 10:34 a.m.

Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Jaske
Secretary