

## Waukesha County Board of Supervisors

### Minutes of the Public Works Committee Thursday, February 10, 2022

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

**Present:** Supervisors Dave Swan, Keith Hammitt, Jim Batzko, Darlene Johnson, and Chris Mommaerts. **Absent:** Christine Howard and Tom Schellinger.

**Also Present:** Legislative Policy Advisor Alex Ignatowski, Chief of Staff Sarah Spaeth, Administrative Specialist Mary Pedersen, Budget Management Specialist Michelle Beasley, Senior Landscape Architect Stephen Siodlarz, Senior Engineering Technician Jason Mayer, Engineering Services Manager Karen Braun, and Engineering Technician Dawn Pickart.

#### **Approve Minutes of December 9, 2021**

MOTION: Batzko moved, second by Mommaerts to approve the minutes of December 9. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Next Meeting Date**

- March 10, 2022

#### **Executive Committee Report of January 17, 2022**

Swan said the Executive Committee approved one ordinance and three appointments and heard a presentation of the Internal Control Risk Assessment Report with Wipfli staff and an update on the 2022 Audit Plan.

#### **Advisory Committee Reports**

Johnson said she attended the Traffic Safety Commission meeting yesterday where they reviewed 2021 county crash statistics including two fatalities.

#### **Bid for Construction of the Pewaukee to Brookfield Trail Project #201807**

Siodlarz indicated the project was awarded to Vinton Construction Company, the lowest of four bids which included Additive Alternate #1, for a total contract cost of \$1,954,415.35. Answering Johnson's question, Siodlarz said Vinton is a reputable company but did not know off hand if they have done work for the County in the past.

MOTION: Batzko moved, second by Johnson to approve the bid for construction of the Pewaukee to Brookfield Trail capital project. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Ordinance 176-O-108 Laying Out, Relocation and Improvement of County Trunk Highway O, W. Beloit Road (CTH I) to National Ave. (CHT ES), Project I.D. 2722-07-22**

Mayer and Braun were present to discuss this ordinance which authorizes the laying out, relocation and improvement of CTH O in the City of New Berlin. Answering Swan's question, Braun said Public

information meetings have been held in New Berlin. Braun noted that New Berlin officials were adamant that there be no sidewalks.

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Hammitt to approve Ordinance 176-O-108. Motion carried 5-0.

**Ordinance 176-O-109 Modify the 2022-2026 Capital Plan and 2022 Capital Project Budget to Appropriate Design Funding in 2022 for Capital Project #202013 CTH O, CTH D to STH 59 Rehabilitation and Decrease Funding in 2022 for Capital Project #202012 CTH X, West High Drive Intersection**

Braun discussed this ordinance which modifies the 2022-2026 Capital Plan and 2022 Capital Project budget to appropriate expenditure authority in the amount of \$206,000 to cover design costs for the CTH O, CTH D to STH 59 Rehabilitation project (#202013). The ordinance also decreases funding in 2022 for the CTH X, West High Drive Intersection project (#202012) to fund the design expenditures for capital project #202013.

Project #202013 was approved for federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding which finances project design expenses at an 80% federal share and 20% county cost share. The 2022-2026 Capital Plan assumed funding the County's share of \$206,000 in calendar year 2023, which does not align with the state fiscal year. As a result, the county is unable to contract for the design work without the spending authority in 2022. (The move from 2023 calendar year to the 2022 calendar year will allow an earlier start to the design of the project and better accommodates the WisDOT funding schedule and programs. At this time, there is no intention to change the scheduling of the remaining project phases (land acquisition and construction).

Funding for the construction phase of capital project #202012 was approved in 2021. According to department management, construction will be delayed until 2023 due to design delays resulting from county Department of Public Works Engineering division staffing issues.

If approved, this ordinance request will increase funding by \$206,000 in 2022 for capital project #202013. The increase will be offset by a decrease in funding by \$206,000 in 2022 for capital project #202012. The department intends to request restoration of the funding for capital project #202012 in the 2023-2027 capital plan which was freed up in 2023 by moving project 202013 up, into the 2023-2027 capital plan. This ordinance does not impact the tax levy.

MOTION: Hammitt moved, second by Batzko to approve Ordinance 176-O-109. Motion carried 5-0.

**Review Correspondence**

Swan advised of an internal fund transfer request by the Public Works Department for Highway Operations.

**Legislative Update**

Ignatowski gave an update on the Wisconsin Counties Association Legislative Exchange Conference which included a discussion on potential funds for mental health/law enforcement. He also

discussed pending state legislation pertaining to government-owned electric charging stations, Chinese manufactured drone restrictions which would affect some local governments, changes in how proceeds from property foreclosures are handled, constitutional amendments for bail reform, and multiple bills affecting elections.

MOTION: Batzko moved, second by Johnson to adjourn at 9:14 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

*James Batzko*

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Secretary