

**Minutes of the Public Works Committee
July 20, 2017**

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

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

Others Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Director of Public Works Allison Bussler, Senior Civil Engineer Karen Braun, Facilities Manager Shane Waeghe, and Budget Management Specialist Bill Duckwitz. Minutes Recorded by Beth Schwartz, County Board Office.

Update on Former Health & Human Services (HHS) Building

Bussler said permission to tear down the former HHS building was denied by the Landmarks Commission and the appeal with the City of Waukesha's three-member Appeals Board was also denied. Specific reasons for the denial included criticism of the RFP process, and desiring more specifics about achieving access. Johnson asked if there is a higher level to bring an appeal, and Bussler said it could be taken to City Council but that there is no reason to believe they will overturn the decision. Bussler said all heat, air and water to the building was turned off one year ago. There is now mold and the roof over the boiler section is contaminated with asbestos, causing rapid deterioration. Swan asked about the items inside the building and Waeghe said items were sold and are awaiting pick up. Johnson asked what else the County can do to solve the problem. Waeghe said a risk minimizing demolition was planned with full abatement of the entire site and bids for this project will go out later this year. Whittow commented on the frustrating nature of the proposed solutions for this problem and criticized the RFP process. Bussler said she disagreed with the RFP criticism, and that when the goal is to save the building such as those appointed to the Landmarks Commission, a tear down process will never be deemed acceptable. The full abatement will cost more than originally projected three years ago, but going forward with this plan will mitigate added costs from future deterioration. Bussler said the plan for abatement, taking down the dormitory and building a parking lot will cost \$2.5 million out of the \$3.4 million in the Capital Project budget.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 172-O-015: First Revision Laying Out, Relocation And Improvement Of County Trunk Highway KF And County Trunk Highway JK

Braun explained that in order to provide maintenance and improvements to Highway KF and Highway JK, certain relocation or changes and acquisition of certain rights-of-way between the City of Pewaukee and the Town of Lisbon are required. On a map of the plat of right-of-way required for these intersection improvements, Braun pointed out the existing highway right-of-way and dimensioning to the new right-of-way measured along and perpendicular to the centerline of construction. She also discussed the schedule of lands and interests required, including the owners of the land, total area acres, and easement acres required. This improvement is 90% covered by federal funding.

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Johnson to approve Ordinance 172-O-015. Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 172-O-016: Laying Out, Relocation And Improvement Of County Trunk Highway Q, County Line Road, At The Oconomowoc River Bridge

Braun explained that in order to provide maintenance and improvements to Highway Q over the Oconomowoc River in the Town of Merton, certain relocation or changes and acquisition of certain rights-of-way are required. Using a map of Highway Q, Braun discussed the schedule of lands and interests required, including two owners of the land and the total area acres.

MOTION: Hammitt moved, second by Morris to approve Ordinance 172-O-016. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve Minutes of June 15, 2017

MOTION: Hammitt moved, second by Johnson to approve the minutes of June 15, 2017. Motion carried 6-0.

Future Meeting Date: August 10, 2017

Executive Committee Report of June 19, 2017 and July 17, 2017

Swan reported on the following items discussed at the last Executive Committee meetings:

- Heard an overview of the 2017-2021 County Library Plan
- Provided input on the County Board Strategic Plan
- Heard an update on the Waukesha County Center for Growth (WCCG)
- Discussed and considered appointments, an ordinance and a resolution
- Heard an update on the Regional Transit Leadership Council Executive Committee and the Wisconsin Workforce Development Association Board
- Heard County Board committee reports by committee chairs

Legislative Update

Spaeth reported that the State Legislature is in recess. The budget is not done yet due to issues with transportation. The Assembly wants new revenues but the Senate does not and instead wants to increase borrowing. The Department of Transportation Reform Bill is a grouping together of the transportation bills along with a few miscellaneous bills. AB 307 had a public hearing last week, increasing the competitive bidding threshold for public works projects from \$25,000 to \$75,000 for towns, cities, villages and counties while also requiring school districts to follow the same procedures.

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Morris to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Morris
Secretary