

Waukesha County Board of Supervisors

Minutes of the Public Works Committee

Thursday, February 11, 2021

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

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

Also Present: Chief of Staff Sarah Spaeth, County Board Chair Paul Decker, Engineering Services Manager Karen Braun, and Public Works Department Intern Tania Garcia.

Approve Minutes of December 3, 2020

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Mommaerts to approve the minutes of December 3. Motion carried 7-0.

Next Meeting Date(s)

- March 11, 2021

Executive Committee Report of January 18, 2021

Swan said the Executive Committee, at their last meeting, approved several appointments including Elizabeth Aldred as the new Health & Human Services Director, discussed a draft resolution on County Board size, and heard internal audit reports on the airport (fixed base operator review), courthouse tower construction (interim report), and Information Technology project management.

Review Correspondence

- Public Works Department fund transfer request for \$100,000 for personnel expenses
- Public Works Department fund transfer request for \$13,000 for fixed assets

Ordinance 175-O-078 Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement Between Waukesha County and the Village of Waukesha

Braun discussed this ordinance which authorizes a jurisdictional transfer of about 1,300 feet of county trunk highway (CTH) TT from Waukesha County to the Village of Waukesha. Currently, the county is responsible for maintaining that stretch of roadway, which includes snow plowing and road repairs. Transferring responsibility of this road segment to the village will marginally save the county on staff time, material, and equipment costs. While the action is favorable from a county cost and tax levy standpoint, the entire CTH system is approximately 400 centerline miles long, and this transfer is unlikely to have a noticeable effect on county costs overall.

MOTION: Hammitt moved, second by Howard to approve Ordinance 175-O-078. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance 175-O-080 Modify the 2021-2025 Capital Plan for the Creation of Capital Project #202106 – CTH VV, CTH YY Intersection and Modify 2021 Capital Project Budget

Braun discussed this ordinance which modifies the 2021-2025 Capital Plan to create capital project #202106 – CTH V V, CTH Y Y Intersection. This this project was not included in the proposed 2021-2025 plan due to the uncertainty that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) would approve federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding for the program. WisDOT approved funding on November 20, 2020 after the County Board adopted the 2021-2025 Capital Plan. In contrast, other projects that were approved in the capital plan ended up being denied funding by the state.

The estimated total project cost is \$1,103,000. WisDOT will manage the project through the State's financial books and apply \$992,000 of HSIP funding (90%) before billing the County an estimated \$111,000 for its share. This ordinance modifies the 2021 capital project budget by increasing expenditures by \$18,000 to cover the County's estimated share of the design and engineering phase. The County's remaining \$93,000 of its cost share is for the construction phase, planned in 2023, and staff plans to manage these additional costs within the proposed 2022-2026 Capital Plan. In particular, WisDOT has denied HSIP funding for capital project #201804 (CTH DE, Wild Rose Lane to Oak Court) and capital project #202010 (CTH D, CTH E Intersection). The total County share of estimated project costs of about \$262,000 can be used to offset the costs of the new project. There is no direct tax levy impact related to this ordinance.

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Hammitt to approve Ordinance 175-O-080. Motion carried 7-0.

Presentation on Determination of Speed Limits

Braun presented a PowerPoint on the history of speed limits and the statutory authority allowed to modify speed limits. A copy of the PowerPoint was emailed to the County Board.

Legislative Update

Spaeth said the Governor's budget will be released next Tuesday and reminded committee members of the upcoming Wisconsin Counties Association Legislative Exchange Conference.

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Howard to adjourn at 9:15 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

James Batzko

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Secretary