

## Waukesha County Board of Supervisors

### Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the Public Works Committee and Finance Committee Thursday, October 12, 2023

Chair Heinrich called the joint meeting of the Finance Committee and Public Works Committee meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Public Works Committee Members Present:** Supervisors Keith Hammitt (Chair), James Batzko, Darryl Enriquez, Joel Gaughan, Christine Howard, Darlene Johnson and Richard Morris

**Finance Committee Members Present:** Supervisors Jim Heinrich (Chair), James Batzko, Darryl Enriquez, Joel Gaughan, Richard Morris and Gary Szpara. Supervisor Larry Bangs arrived at 9:29 a.m.

**Also Present:** Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Fraley, Administrative Specialist Barbara Hollander, Chairman Paul Decker, Director of Public Works Allison Bussler, Fleet Manager Tom Zembruski, Waukesha Metro Transit Manager Brian Engelking, Facilities Manager Shane Waeghe, Engineering Services Manager Brett Wallace, Business Manager Rhiannon Cupkie, Airport Manager Kurt Stanich, Highway Operations Manager Hans Guderyon, Budget Manager Bill Duckwitz, Financial Analyst Willem Weigel, Senior Fiscal Specialist Julie Miller, Senior Civil Engineer Ed Hinrichs, Senior Engineering Technician Jason Mayer and Tom Dieckelman (President of Wisconsin Coach Lines – Coach USA)

#### **Discuss and Consider the 2024 Operating Budget for the Public Works Department**

Bussler and staff discussed the proposed 2024 operating budget for the Public Works Department as outlined in the budget book including the financial summaries, major departmental strategic plan objectives, program highlights, and activities. The County tax levy totals \$12,437,628 – an increase of \$622,265 or 5.3%. The number of full-time equivalent positions is at 141.64 - an increase of .05 compared to 2023. No major concerns were voiced.

Heinrich asked why the 2023 operating expenses in the Engineering Services budget was unusually high. Cupkie said there were some large carryover payments from 2022 to 2023. Duckwitz said he would put the explanation in a footnote in the adopted budget.

Bangs arrived at 9:29 a.m.

**MOTION by Finance Committee:** Enriquez moved, second by Morris to tentatively approve the Department of Public Works 2024 Budget. Motion carried 7-0

**MOTION by Public Works Committee:** Johnson moved, second by Howard to approve the Department of Public Works 2024 Budget. Motion carried 7-0

#### **Next Meeting Dates**

- November 16 (PW)
- October 13 (FI)

**Announcements**

Reminder about the County Board/County Clerk Soup Cookoff and Bake Sale fundraiser on November 14.

**Review Correspondence**

Dale Shaver response email to GROW fund questions raised at the 10-10-23 joint Land Use, Parks and Environment/Finance Committee meeting.

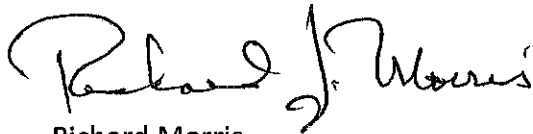
**Legislative Update**

Fraley said there is a lot of attention on election-related bills at the legislature. They are trying to get all these bills introduced, heard and voted on in committee. They plan to have a floor session with a distinct slant toward election bills in early November. Fraley will be in Madison next week for one of the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) capital days, and will take this opportunity to educate our legislators on some of the challenges surrounding transportation funding, particularly around filling the gap for funding for the Moorland Road project.

**MOTION by Finance Committee:** Szpara moved, second by Gaughan to adjourn at 10:46 a.m.

Motion carried 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard J. Morris". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Richard Morris

Secretary - Finance Committee