

Minutes of the Public Works Committee

Thursday, October 10, 2019

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

Present: Supervisors Dave Swan, Keith Hammitt, Darlene Johnson, Jennifer Grant, Richard Morris, and Tom Schellinger. Grant and Schellinger left at 11:30 a.m. **Absent:** Steve Whittow.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Waukesha Metro Transit Manager Brian Engelking, Business Manager Rhiannon Cupkie, Director of Public Works Allison Bussler, Engineering Services Manager Carolyn Gellings, Departmental Secretary Tony Di Frances, Wisconsin Coach Lines President Tom Dieckelman, Airport Manager Kurt Stanich, Highway Operations Manager Bob Rauchle, Fleet Manager Tom Zembruski, Facilities Manager Shane Waeghe, Facilities Supervisor Javier Ramos, Budget Management Specialist Bill Duckwitz; Patrol Superintendents Rick Gillis, Hans Guderyon, and Jon Bax; Michael Radtke of EMCS, Inc., Village of Sussex President Gregory Goetz, and Citizens Eric Ebon, Hal and Penelope Ackerman, John Langenohl, Jerri and Allen Hulman, Michael Schindhilm, and Beverly Helbling.

Approve Minutes of September 12, 2019

MOTION: Hammitt moved, second by Morris to approve the minutes of September 1. Motion carried 6-0.

Correspondence

Written public comments related to the discontinuation of commuter route 906 were distributed.

Public Comment

Goetz spoke of safety concerns on Maple Avenue and CTH K as well as CTH F and Silver Spring. He asked the County Board for action on these intersections.

Public Hearing on the Proposed Discontinuation of Transit Route 906

Ebon asked the committee to keep one route going per day to see how it performs. Ackerman said he has been taking the bus for years and thinks the County could advertise the route better. He asked the committee to consider two routes per day. Engelking read a letter submitted by Michael Schindhilm which was also distributed to the committee. Helbling asked the committee to consider one route per day and said many riders depend on that route. She asked that a fare increase be considered.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 174-O-059 Approve Termination Of Waukesha County Transit Route 906, Effective December 1, 2019

Bussler, Engelking and Cupkie were present to discuss this ordinance to approve the termination of a contract providing transit service for route 906 which provides weekday commuter service between the village of Mukwonago, the village of Big Bend, the city of New Berlin, and downtown Milwaukee. The contract would cease on December 1, 2019 with the last day of actual service on November 29, 2019.

The 2020 County Executive Proposed Budget assumes the discontinuation of route 906. Ridership on this route has declined for several years while operating investment per ride has increased. By discontinuing route 906, the County is able to prioritize higher-utilized routes while maintaining the County's support at \$867,700 (in the 2020 proposed budget). It was noted that this route cost \$10,000 to \$15,000 per month in County tax levy during 2019.

Engelking discussed alternatives for riders of route 906 including a Milwaukee County Transit route, a Department of Transportation rideshare program, and vanpool programs through Enterprise. To answer Swan's question, Engelking said the County has \$50,000 to market the route. Johnson said we should try to accommodate the riders by trying one route per day and riders should be given more notice. Grant said she appreciated the fact sheet and said the committee needs to look at the system as a whole to service as many as possible in a cost effective way.

MOTION: Hammitt moved, second by Morris to approve Ordinance 174-O-059. Motion carried 5-1. Johnson voted no.

Discuss and Consider the 2020 Operating Budget for Transit Services

Engelking, Bussler, and Cupkie discussed the proposed 2020 operating budget for Transit Services as outlined in the budget book including program highlights and ridership data. Both expenditures and revenues total \$1,076,919 – an increase of \$22,727 from the 2019 budget. The County tax levy shows a credit of \$867,700 – no change from 2019.

MOTION: Hammitt moved, second by Grant to approve the 2020 Transit Services budget. Motion carried 5-1. Johnson voted no.

Discuss and Consider Bid for Courthouse IT Clean Agent Fire Suppression Replacement

Waeghe and Ramos were present to discuss this item. The clean agent system in the Courthouse data center is in need of replacement. It is currently serviced by USA Fire Protection who has noted that the system is not always responding to commands and test alarms and parts for repairs are also hard to come by. It is an old, antiquated system that uses Halon 1301 gas to extinguish fires. The manufacture of Halon 1301 has now been banned by the EPA and has made it difficult and expensive to recharge existing Halon gas tanks. The project to replace the clean agent system in the data center of the Courthouse was bid out publicly. Two vendors responded and Apex Fire Protection LLC submitted the lowest responsible bid totaling \$28,675.

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Morris to approve the bid for the Courthouse IT clean agent fire suppression replacement. Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss And Consider Ordinance 174-O-057 Laying Out, Relocation And Improvement Of County Trunk Highway M, (W. North Avenue) Hollyhock Lane, Mount Kisco Drive, Waukesha County Project I.D. 2759-03-00(A), Revision 1

Gellings discussed this ordinance which authorizes the first revision to the laying out, relocation and improvement of CTH M, North Avenue, in the City of Brookfield and the Village of Elm Grove.

MOTION: Grant moved, second by Morris to approve Ordinance 174-O-057. Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss And Consider Ordinance 174-O-058 Laying Out, Relocation And Improvement Of County Trunk Highway M, N. Calhoun Rd. To N. 124th Street, Waukesha County Project I.D. 2759-03-00, Revision #3

Gellings discussed this ordinance which authorizes the third revision to the laying out, relocation and improvement of CTH M, North Avenue, in the City of Brookfield and the Village of Elm Grove.

MOTION: Grant moved, second by Morris to approve Ordinance 174-O-058. Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss and Consider the 2020 Operating Budget for the Public Works Department

Bussler and staff discussed the proposed 2020 operating budget for the Public Work Department as outlined in the budget book including the financial summaries, major departmental strategic plan objectives, program highlights, and activities. All funds department-wide, revenues total \$22,950,672 – an increase of \$1,011,772 or 4.6%. The County tax levy totals \$11,261,865 – an increase of \$12,437 or 0.1%. Expenditures total \$33,880,537 – an increase of \$923,120 or 2.8%. The number of full-time equivalent positions decreased 0.08 for a total of 143.77. No major concerns were expressed.

MOTION: Grant moved, second by Hammitt to approve the 2020 budget for the Public Works Department. Motion carried 5-1. Johnson voted no.

Grant and Schellinger left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Executive Committee Report of September 16, 2019 and September 30, 2019

Swan said the Executive Committee, at their last two meetings, discussed capital projects and approved several appointments, a Bridges Library System related ordinance, sale values on County-owned foreclosure properties less than \$5,000; 2020 operating budgets for UW-Extension, the Bridges Library System, and Non-Departmental; and the Capital Projects Plan. They also heard reports on the recent Wisconsin Counties Association conference.

Future Meeting Dates

- November 14, 2019
- December 5, 2019

Legislative Update

Spaeth updated the committee on the status of bills related to biennial budgets, lemonade stands, election cost reimbursement, and sexually violet persons.

MOTION: Hammitt moved, second by Morris to adjourn at 11:35 a.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene M. Johnson

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