

Minutes of the Public Works Committee
Tuesday, March 15, 2018

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

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

Others Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Senior Civil Engineer Bruce Barnes, Programs and Projects Analyst Matt Grenoble, Director of Public Works Allison Bussler, Business Manager Rhiannon Cupkie, Citizens Robert Dugan and Michael R. Starich, Engineering Services ManagerCarolynn Gellings, Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel Kim Haines, and Supervisor Christine Howard. Minutes Recorded by Beth Schwartz, County Board Office.

Approve Minutes of February 15, 2018

MOTION: Wood moved, second by Morris to approve the minutes of February 15, 2018. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Comment

Dugan spoke to the committee about problems that exist in the County including water and the north/south freeway, as well as how to remedy these issues.

Meeting Approvals

MOTION: Whittow moved, second by Morris to approve Swan's attendance at the Summer Road School conference. Motion carried 6-0.

Future Meeting Date: March 29, 2018

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 172-O-090: Modify Speed Zone On County Trunk Highway G

Barnes said this ordinance will reduce the existing 50 MPH speed limit to 45 MPH along both directions of CTH G, between its intersection with CTH G (Elmhurst Road) in the Town of Delafield and its intersection with CTH SS (Prospect Avenue) in the City of Pewaukee. The Public Works Department received several letters from concerned citizens of the Town of Delafield and Prairie Hill Waldorf School in support of lowering the speed limit. Vehicle speeds were measured at two locations between CTH G (Elmhurst Road) and CTH SS (Prospect Avenue) during weekdays when traffic flows freely. The 85th percentile speeds observed along this segment of CTH G ranged between 1 MPH slower and 1 MPH faster than the existing 50 MPH speed limit. Fifteen collisions were reported during a 5-year period. This crash rate is more than twice the statewide average for 2-lane rural highways having similar traffic volumes. Half of these reported collisions involved single vehicles running off CTH G at its curves. Other collisions had citations for failure to keep the vehicle under control or driving too fast for conditions. Minor sign improvements will be completed as part of this proposed speed limit reduction. Approving this ordinance would correspond with average speeds currently observed and reduce the risks of collisions and errant vehicles where more highway curves and foliage exist along other I-94 frontage roads in the vicinity. Swan asked for clarification on surrounding segment speed limits, which Barnes pointed out. Whittow suggested the visibility of the curve on CTH G can be improved by trimming the foliage surrounding it. Swan asked about the speed limit on the road by the school and Barnes said he would confirm if it is a state or city road. Bussler said the Department is behind on speed studies and has struggled to allocate these funds in the budget.

MOTION: Hammitt moved, second by Whittow to approve Ordinance 172-O-090. Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 172-O-091: Approve Short-Term Hangar Lease Agreement With Plane Safe Maintenance, Inc At Waukesha County Crites Field

Grenoble said Atlantic Aviation currently leases the 503 Bluemound hangar from the County, and Plane Safe Maintenance Inc. currently subleases space in the hangar. The Fixed Based Operator (FBO) agreement with Atlantic Aviation, approved in 2016, states that its lease of the hangar will terminate once necessary repairs are completed. Plane Safe desires to enter into a long term hangar lease for the 503 Bluemound hangar with the County once these repairs are completed, and a three month lease agreement will allow time to finalize the long term lease agreement. It is in the best interest of the County to utilize the County Airport as an economic development tool and embrace the needs of County businesses with the new hangar lease agreement. The lease allows Plane Safe to continue providing aircraft airframe, engine, and accessory maintenance and repair services. Plane Safe would lease 11,825 square feet of hangar space at about \$0.15 per square foot per month (\$1.79 per foot annually) for \$5,292 for the three-month period. This rate is consistent with what would have been charged the FBO under the previous agreement, but the leased space is 190 square feet less due to county airport operations retaining space for storage. The lower leasable space results in an annual revenue reduction of about \$85 over the three-month period.

Wood asked if the hangar structures have ever been considered for demolition. Grenoble said it has never come to that. Bussler said the fence line will be improved for customer use and public access through a separate gate. Swan asked about hazardous material concerns and Grenoble said the area is inspected fully before the long term lease is signed. Swan discussed construction times, bringing attention to not disturbing the surrounding neighborhood. Haines said the lease will be for 30 years. Bussler said some issues still need to be worked out including Plane Safe's separation from their original agreement with Atlantic Aviation. Swan asked about a security deposit and Grenoble said they will be requesting a 3-month deposit. Tenants will be responsible for any electric and heating needs and Atlantic is responsible for maintenance.

MOTION: Hammitt moved, second Morris by to approve Ordinance 172-O-091. Motion carried 6-0.

Update on West Waukesha Bypass

Bussler said the state is restarting work on their project. There are a couple issues with the state side to be worked out before bidding, including their permit from the Army Corps of Engineers and the Commissioner's decision to have the railroad crossing at grade or separated grade (bridge or no bridge). The County role in the bypass is transitioning with the project manager now the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Introduction to New Division Managers

Bussler introduced Cupkie, the Business Manager replacing Betsy Forrest, and Gelling, the Engineering Services Manager replacing Gary Evans. With three retirements of Division leaders, the Department has been through a lot of transition including Fleet Manager Bob Rauchle taking Pete Chladil's place as Highway Operations Manager. Cupkie has been training for this transition for over a year. She has been with the County for five years. She is on the Find-A-Ride committee with Swan and has worked for Purple Heart and other non-profit organizations. Gelling started with the County last week and worked with the State Department of Transportation (DOT) for 10 years. She also worked for a private engineering group as the Construction Manager for the Milwaukee streetcar project and the Hoan Bridge rehabilitation.

Executive Committee Report of Monday, February 19, 2018

Swan reported on items discussed at the February 19, 2018 Executive Committee meeting including approving the Sheriff's Department overtime audit and the Public Works Highway Operations audit follow-up. The committee approved several appointments and a resolution to authorize Corporation Counsel to hire outside counsel in potential opioid litigation. The committee also heard standing committee reports by committee chairs

and a Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Legislative Exchange update.

Advisory Committee Reports

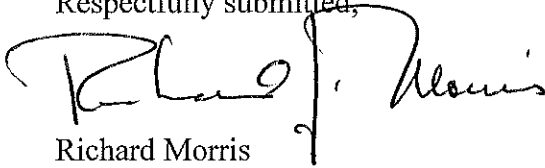
Morris reported on the River Rail Transit Commission, which meets monthly in Madison and currently includes nine counties with two more being considered. He provided background information on the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad (WSOR), which is 600 total track miles. He showed the committee a map of the railroad's Wisconsin interchanges, which includes Slinger, Prairie du Chien/Crawford, Milwaukee, Madison, Janesville, Granville, and Chicago.

Legislative Update

Spaeth updated the committee on current bills. The County Executive Modernization bill is no longer active but the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) would like to form a committee to create efficiencies in the county executive-county board relationship such as the biennial budget. Walker proposed the creation of an office of school safety within the Department of Justice (DOJ), which would give out \$100 million in grants for schools. The small cell bill will not pass the senate. Different versions of the juvenile justice bill were passed by the senate and assembly. The senate proposes to close Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake but with no requirement or grant money for counties to open regional facilities. The sexually violent persons bill was amended by the senate to create a point of contact within the Department of Children and Families for this responsibility.

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Wood to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Morris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

Richard Morris
Secretary

