

State of
Wisconsin
County of
Iowa

**APPROVED MINUTES
OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD
MONDAY FEBRUARY 06, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
CONFERENCE ROOM of the
IOWA COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUILDING
1215 N. BEQUETTE STREET
DODGEVILLE, WISCONSIN 53533**

2017-02

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| 1) | Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Parman. | Call to Order |
| 2) | Roll call: Parman, Bunker, Grimmer and Gollon. Benish was not present. Also present: Commissioner Hardy, Operations Manager Randy Sudmeier, Administrator Bierke, Jessica Munson, Bernie Casper, Scott Godfrey, Allison Leitzinger & Kevin King | Roll Call |
| 3) | Bunker motioned for the approval of the minutes for the Dec. 29, 2016 meeting and for approval of the February 6, 2017 agenda to include striking #6 (WRRTC-Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission Update). Gollon seconded, motion carried unanimously. | Consent Agenda |
| 4) | No public comment. | Public Comment |
| 5) | <p>Committee reviewed operation of Land Conservation Department and the position of Land Conservationist. Bierke advised Iowa County will proceed with advertising the Lands Conservationist position and stated he feels the success of the department will depend greatly on the person hired as Land Conservationist.</p> <p>The committee discussed merging Land Conservation and Planning and Zoning once the lease on the Land Conservation building is up. Parman questioned the benefit of merging the two departments. Bierke advised that depending on the leadership, Iowa County could capitalize on opportunities for the two departments to work together. Merger of the two areas will be revisited at a future date.</p> | Land Conservation Committee Update |
| 6) | WRRTC-Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission Update. | Wisconsin River Rail bridge update |
| 7) | <p>A) Kevin King presented the preliminary 2016 financial report for the airport. The airport is estimated to have \$5,000 revenue over expenditure by the time all bills are received. Additional revenue due largely to increase in fuel sales and hangar rentals. All hangars are currently rented. Fuel storage tanker to be replaced summer of 2017. Runway replacement scheduled for 2019-2020. Medflight is currently looking into designs for fuel storage/access. When plans are devised, they will be brought to the board for approval.</p> <p>Gollon questioned charging two different rates in the future for hangar rentals: a higher rate for a rental that does not fuel through the airport and a lower rate for hangars that use the airport fuel. King advised this had been discussed previously and he would discuss further with the airport commission. Grimmer questioned whether the owner of the abandoned</p> | December 2016 Preliminary Financial Reports |

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| | <p>hangar had been found. King advised that Corp Counsel was working on finding the owner.</p> <p>B) Commissioner Hardy gave a brief overview of the financial statement for 2016. There is still revenue and expenditures for 2016 to be reported. The highway department expects to have approximately \$20,000 revenue over expenditures for the year.</p> <p>C) Leonard Olson presented the financial statement for Land Conservation. The department still needs to receive 2016 revenue, but is expected to be at \$66,000 revenue over expenditures.</p> <p>D) Scott Godfrey presented the expected financial report for Planning and Zoning. Planning and Zoning is expected to show \$130,000 revenue over expenditures once all 2016 expenditures have been reported. The excess is due in large part to an increase in after fact permits and violations, tower permits and growth in the economy. Godfrey advised he will have a more detailed report for the next meeting.</p> | |
| 8) | <p>Iowa County Fairgrounds has road work that needs to be done and contacted the Highway Department. Commissioner Hardy will need to do a site visit to determine what repairs need to be done and get a cost estimate. Depending on the extent of the repairs, this could possibly be fit into the schedule in May.</p> <p>Concerns from the board were raised. Administrator Bierke questioned whether the Fair Board expected to pay the full cost of repairs. Commissioner Hardy advised that if the work was done, it would need to be quality work and not short cuts to save on cost. Gollon asked if we have had this request from other agencies. Hardy advised the Highway Department has done work for the Fairgrounds in the past, as well as the Sheriff's Dept. and Bloomfield. Gollon recommends creating a policy regarding doing work for other agencies.</p> <p>Grimmer would like to see fair attendance numbers. He questions if the project is worth the cost of the repairs or if there is a possibility of fundraising or implementing something more cost-efficient.</p> | Pavement and Drainage at Fairgrounds |
| 9) | <p>Commissioner Hardy advised concerns were brought forward regarding a fence replacement from the CTY E project last summer. The landowner questioned the amount the county paid towards the fence replacement on his property. Commissioner Hardy advised there were three options presented to landowners for fence replacement: 1) The county buys the material and the landowner installs; 2) The landowner buys the material and the county installs; 3) Outside source installs fence and the bill is split 50/50.</p> <p>Parman advised no further action to be taken. Requested Hardy and Bierke to create fence replacement policy and bring to future meeting.</p> | Fence Damage and Replacement Policy |
| 10) | <p>Commissioner Hardy discussed truck #149 digger/derrick boom truck repairs or replacement options. Cost to repair current truck may be over \$30,000. The salvage value of the vehicle is \$16,000.</p> <p>Hardy recommends purchasing the Versalift unit at \$145,000 and the Digger</p> | Digger/Derrick Truck Options |

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| | <p>Derrick truck at \$215,000. There is an excess of \$315,000 in the budget due to balloon payment on leased equipment coming due next year instead of this year as budgeted. This money could be shifted to cover part of the purchase cost. The difference could be made up with the sale of salvage trucks or a delay to capital engineering projects. e of the design.</p> <p>Gollon advised that there could be opportunities to create revenue by renting out the trucks to other townships. Hardy advised he would like to move forward with the purchase of the Versalift and continue using the other truck until after the sale of all salvage equipment. At that time, the funding could be re-evaluated.</p> <p>Motion by Gollon, 2nd by Grimmer to proceed with purchase of Versalift. Carried unanimously.</p> | |
| 11) | <p>The board reviewed the information provided regarding the winter plowing hours and pay, based on job title. Parman questioned how much it would cost yearly to pay all plow drivers a minimum of \$20.65/hour. Administrator Bierke raised concerns over potential issues this could cause with other Iowa County agencies, stating other employees may feel their positions warrant higher pay as well. He asked for the basis behind increasing the pay. Gollon advised that the winter plow drivers are operating expensive machinery, putting their lives on hold for winter storms, and there is a huge risk to employees and others on the roads.</p> <p>Parman asked Employee Relations Director Leitzinger if she had any ideas on how to compensate employees only for winter plowing. Leitzinger suggested either a hourly wage increase for plowing or an hourly wage increase to be in effect for a specific date range to cover the winter months.</p> <p>Parman asked for Commissioner Hardy to come up with a couple of different options to present at next month's meeting.</p> | Highway Department Winter Labor Rates |
| 12) | <p>Commissioner Hardy discussed the capital plan for 2017 – 2022. He also stated the average age of equipment has decreased and will continue to decrease. Administrator Bierke questioned whether any of the capital improvement projects were “shovel ready” and would qualify for the American Reinvestment Act. Commissioner Hardy discussed a few of the projects that would qualify.</p> | 2017-2022 Capital Plan Review |
| 13) | <p>Highway Commissioner's Report:</p> <p>A. There were 12 snow events in January. The approximate cost to the county was \$370,348. Large quantities of materials were used during the ice storms.</p> <p>B. Commissioner Hardy stated there is still some 2016 revenue that needs to be received; however, the Highway Department is expected to end the year with</p> | Highway Commissioner's Report |

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| | <p>\$19,000 revenue over expenses.</p> <p>C. Commissioner Hardy gave an update to the crushing project at the quarry.</p> <p>D. The drive mechanism on the roller drum is broken. The estimated cost to fix that mechanism is \$38,000. The total cost of repairs needed, included the drive mechanism is \$60,000. Hardy would like to make these repairs. Operation of the asphalt plant increases efficiency in the department.</p> <p>E. Both salt shed projects are progressing. There is a meeting scheduled to discuss permitting at the CTH O facility.</p> <p>F. Commissioner Hardy provided the Legislative Fiscal Bureau Wisconsin Department of Transportation Audit Summary and Report.</p> <p>G. Commissioner Hardy provided the Southcentral Commissioner meeting minutes for the board's review.</p> <p>H. Commissioner Hardy provided the 2017-2020 Surface Transportation Improvement Program Project listing to the board.</p> | |
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