



APPROVED MINUTES
Public Works Committee
Monday, Sept. 11, 2017 – 6:00 pm
Health & Human Services Center – Community Room
303 W. Chapel Street
Dodgeville, Wisconsin

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1	The meeting was called to order by Gollon at 6:01 pm.
2	Members present: Parman (arrived 6:08 pm), Benish, Bunker, Gollon & Meyers (left 7:28 pm) Members excused: Grimmer Others Present: Commissioner Hardy, Administrator Bierke, Operations Manager Sudmeier, Employee Relations Leitzinger, Business Manager Schutt & Tri-County Airport Manager Marc Higgs.
3	Benish motioned for the approval of the September 11 th , 2017 agenda. Bunker seconded, motion carried unanimously.
4	Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee. No action will be taken. Gollon wanted to commend the crew performing asphalt wedging along STH 191 for an incredible job, well done. He also told Commissioner Hardy that he should have other Townships look at it and that they took great pride in their work. Commissioner Hardy told the committee that STH 130 by Lone Rock is another example of a nice job. Commissioner commented the restructuring of the department has helped to keep the road oil crew together without a lot of turnover, resulting in better quality. Gollon commented it shows as the crew is performing good work.
5	2018 Budget requests and Departmental updates: A: Tri-County Airport discussion with Marc Higgs (pages 5-16) Pages 5-7 for the Budget. Pages 9-12 is economic impact. Pages 13-16 is a 5 year plan. Marc Higgs presented on the following. The budget reviewed at the last meeting has been revised due to Richland County concerns, The revised budget is up 5% or \$757 per County. This is due to salary & benefits increases. The airport is located in Sauk County and Sauk holds the finances and provides legal counsel. Sauk, Richland and Iowa jointly own the airport. The main runway is 35 years old and will have to be reconstructed in 6 to 8 years. The runway repairs will be a 2.2 million dollar total project with an estimate outlay of \$38,000 to each county. Marc noted that Richland County is having serious financial problems and is reconsidering involvement in its' share of the airport. All 3 counties have to approve the budget for projects to move forward. If the time comes and the runway project isn't performed, and the runway falls into disrepair; the FAA could close the runway. Marc summarized the benefits to Iowa County for being part of the airport including: benefits to the northern 3 rd of Iowa County including visitors, recreational tourism to Taliesin and House on the Rock, and commercial business travel. The airport brings money to Iowa County that many are not aware of. Some examples of commercial users are Meister Cheese, Cardinal Glass & other companies. Cardinal Glass is a big user and its' employee are residents of Iowa County; as well as Mr Higgs. The committee questioned what the consequences would be if they decided to opt out of the three-party agreement. The following was discussed. If we do pull out the airport the traffic to Iowa County will continue. Mr. Higgs felt then Richland County would most likely pull out as well. FAA and State BAA would most likely make a claim for previous funds invested in the airport. County would have to work with corporate counsel to determine the ramifications. Previous grants and funded improvements would have to be considered. It was determined that Sauk County may want to carry on with the airport. Committee questioned the county being involved in two airports. Meyers would like to see a long term capital plan and a budgeted amount over 5 to 10 years for runway and other high cost improvements.

	<p>Gollon motioned for the approval of the budget increase of \$757. In addition the committee would like to address the executive committee and corporate counsel to evaluate long / short term opting out. Bunker seconded. Motion approved. Benish voted no.</p> <p>B: Highway Department Commissioner Hardy gave an update on infrastructure and State budget, which includes a provision for additional funds in the state local bridge program. For Iowa County the impact would be minimal, as the county is caught up with its' current backlog. There are 4 to 5 bridges on the radar for the future, but that would be looking out 6 to 10 years. The proposal will basically open up funding for other counties with lower bridge fund entitlements than Iowa County. Legislature is proposing an elimination of 200 positions within WisDOT with a majority of these being existing vacant positions. In addition, legislature has proposed verbiage with regards to a replace-in-kind alternative for projects which might offer greater flexibility to local projects for pavement replacements in lieu of full reconstruction for low volume roads. Some discussion of existing roadway projects in backlog being CTH F, N, and T; as well as the impacts to meet safety and design concerns versus traffic volumes, funding, and right of way purchases.</p>
6	<p>Employee Alternative Compensation and Benefits Discussion (<u>08-29-2017 Agenda Packet pages 41-48</u>) Administrator Bierke, Commissioner Hardy, and Employee Relations Leitzinger discussed and answered questions from the staff memo to the Committee which is in the packet. Commissioner Hardy feels 3B would be the best alternative initially which is to fund the class-comp grid at the market level based on the benchmarked positions. The concern is to figure out how to fund it, as funding the market point is a cost of \$180K plus to the county. The Committee discussed MTO. How important is it?, how is it calculated?, is there carry over?, payout at retirement?, and can a different plan be offered to new employees?. The Committee also discussed school district contracts, and other methods of compensation. Discussed comparisons between private sector and county employment. What are people looking for? Younger people may want the dollars. We need to stay competitive. Also, discussed an option for county provided daycare.</p> <p>Gollon motion for the approval to have a higher New Hire wage with less MTO. This will have to be County wide and moved to the Executive Committee for further review. Benish seconded, motion carried unanimously.</p>
7	<p>Right of Way Relocation Order for CTH Y Bridge Improvements and Real Estate Acquisition Commissioner Hardy went over this project starting on page 17 of the new packet. There were no objections.</p>
8	<p>Airport topics: (<u>08-29-2017 Agenda Packet</u>) A: Fly Wisconsin Passport Program (pages 51-52) B: Fuel farm 100LL underground storage tank upgrade 60% plan review Commissioner Hardy passed around plans. The new tank would be large enough to allow full tanker deliveries with the upgrade. The FAA is considering allowing a third fuel supply for aircraft. The new tank will also be designed to allow 2 fuels in it should that occur, which would allow the airport to provide all three fuel types. In addition, the project will include a complete replacement and upgrade of the fuel leak detection software. C: Non-directional beacon decommissioning process (page 53) D: July Revenue and Expense summary (pages 55-58) E: RFP for airport manager by the airport commission. The RFP return date is September 18th. F: Review of the WisDOT 5 year capital plan for MRJ G: Review of the WisDOT 5 year capital plan for Tri-County</p>
9	<p>WisDOT request for taking over the maintenance of the STH 23 bike trail Hillside School road to Taliesin Visitor's Center. (page 59). The commissioner advised WisDOT the county was not interested in taking over maintenance of the trail. The Committee reaffirmed it had no interest in doing so either.</p>

	The Commissioner had passed the request on to the Town of Wyoming to consider. They were to discuss the topic at their September meeting.
10	<p>Paint Program and Paint Truck Replacement Discussion <u>(08-29-2017 Agenda Packet pages 61-70)</u></p> <p>The committee discussed options for financing a new paint truck and pros and cons of the paint program. Hardy advised of the program history with the county and the amount of fluctuation from year to year in agreements. Hardy discussed the concerns with program changes in the future related to amounts of waterborne versus epoxy pavement markings. Hardy stated if the current state budget stays as proposed, the amount of funding to WisDOT for pavement markings will actually increase which should stabilize the program, and in that situation he would support funding a new paint truck. If a paint truck is purchased for 2018, it would replace the existing request for three tri-axles and reduce that to one for 2018. Benish motioned for the approval to support the purchase of a new paint truck if state highway maintenance is to see an increase per the state budget. Gollon seconded, motion carried unanimously.</p>
11	<p>Highway Commissioner's Report: <u>(08-29-2017 Agenda Packet)</u></p> <p>A: Truck # 197 pickup and vehicle life discussion Commissioner Hardy passed around pictures of # 197, and repairs with regards to the floor boards.</p> <p>B: Administrative rate for 2018 and county comparisons (page 71) were circulated for review and comment.</p> <p>C: 2017 Flood repairs update (page 72)</p> <p>D: Capital acquisition update (page 73) for 2017</p> <p>E: Projects/Bids update for September</p> <p>The committee discussed the salt shed on King Street. The building stores 1500+ tons of salt which is typically utilized for surplus. Discussion to sell it, tear it down, repair it, etc. Questioned if the county could increase capacity to the outlying shops with their proposed sheds. Discussion of the CTH O site facility and lack of space for county materials, as well as location. Commissioner advised he has not heard back from Arena with regards to the STH 14 site, so he assumes they are not going forward. The State is moving ahead with a 1,000 ton fabric dome, which the building contractor is scheduled to start on 10/25/17.</p> <p>F: July Revenue and Expense summary (page 75) Commissioner Hardy summarized this page.</p> <p>G: SC Region Commissioner 8/15/17 meeting minutes Minutes were added to the packet on 9/14/17. See pages 89-90. Commissioner Hardy summarized these pages.</p> <p>H: Draft Traffic Safety Commission 8/15/17 meeting minutes (pages 77-78) Commissioner Hardy summarized these pages.</p> <p>I: WisDOT – Iowa County quarterly project summary (page 79-82) Commissioner Hardy summarized these pages.</p> <p>J: AB442 ATV signage bill (pages 83-88) Commissioner Hardy summarized these pages.</p> <p>Addition discussion for Commissioner Hardy. Gollon asked about the tractor roll over. Commissioner Hardy answered their questions and concerns about the incident. The committee also discussed accidentally cutting phone lines on the CTH Q project. Discussion of the utility permitting process, which included marking of utilities, utility locations and depths, and other information. Committee requested utility companies provide more information with regards to the location of their facilities related to: build out maps, as built drawings, depth dimensions and more regulations.</p>
12	The next meeting will be October 2 nd , 2017. Time to be determined. The shop tour will start in Highland.
13	Motion to adjourn by Benish. Bunker seconded at 8:28 pm, motion carried unanimously.
Minutes by Rachele Schutt	

