

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Monday, May 10, 2010

Administrative Center – Room 3220

4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Spiker, Jim Berns, Ralph Geary, Jai Johnson, Leon Pfaff, Jeff Schroeder

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

MEMBERS ABSENT: Arlene Benrud

STAFF & GUESTS: Dennis Osgood, Jim Speropulos, Hank Koch, Margaret Norden, Keith Back, Randy Nedrelo, Bryan Jostad, Leah Ness, John Davis, Bill Nelson, Dan Wettstein, Ray Ebert, Dave Lange, Mary Kaufmann, Gary Ingvalson, Sharon Hampson, Gary Harter, Becky Brockman, Patrick Brockman

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Charles Spiker called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2010, COMMITTEE MEETING

MOTION by Schroeder/Johnson to approve the Minutes of April 12, 2010, Committee Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud absent.

CONSENT AGENDA (INFORMATIONAL)

- a. Minutes of Economic Development Fund Committee meeting of April 1, 2010
- b. Minutes of Law Enforcement Center Construction Committee of April 13, 2010
- c. Check Requisitions over \$20,000 (handout)
- d. Information on Waste-to-Energy
- e. Information on Dioxins from Burn Barrels
- f. Senior housing proposal on Lakeview campus staff report

MOTION by Pfaff/Schroeder to receive and file the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud absent.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

None reported.

APPOINT JIM BERNS VICE-CHAIR

Chair Spiker announced his appointment of Supervisor Berns as vice-chair for the two-year term that the Chair is appointed by the County Board Chair.

SET TIME AND DATE FOR PUBLIC WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Chair asked for alternative suggestions on a regular meeting date and time. Committee consensus was that having complete information in committee packets would help them get through the agenda more quickly.

RESOLUTION RE: COUNTY REQUEST TO NARROW VINE STREET

The Resolution authorizes a request to the City of La Crosse to allow narrowing of Vine Street between 3rd and 4th Streets. Jim Speropulos reported the request would be to eliminate parking spaces on the south side, and narrow the street from 42 feet to 34 feet. The City's Board of Public Works received a preliminary copy of the request. The City would pay for curb and gutter on the south side of the street, and removal and pavement of the street; the County's share of the project would be paid from funds allocated in the Law Enforcement Center Construction Project Contingency, and is estimated at \$10,000-\$15,000. Discussion was held regarding pedestrian safety, streetscaping, and accommodation for storm water. Dan

Wettstein gave public comment that he objected to closing the street, but did not disagree with narrowing it.

MOTION by Schroeder to remove "and the City of La Crosse" from the paragraph stating, "WHEREAS, the narrowing of Vine Street is in the public interest of the citizens of La Crosse County and the City of La Crosse," failed for lack of a second.

MOTION by Schroeder/Geary to approve the Resolution Re: County Request to Narrow Vine Street. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud absent.

APPROVE THREE RIVERS OUTDOORS CANOE/KAYAK RACE AT GOOSE ISLAND

Jim Speropulos stated that Three Rivers Outdoors has requested to hold a canoe and kayak demonstration and race at Goose Island for a third year. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Geary to approve Three Rivers Outdoors Canoe/Kayak Race at Goose Island on Saturday, May 22, and Sunday, May 23, 2010. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud absent.

ACCEPT SPEED AND WARRANT STUDY ON COUNTY HIGHWAY OT

Dennis Osgood provided copies of the engineering speed and warrant study that was conducted in response to concerns about traffic speed and controls on County Highway OT between State Highway 35 and Sand Lake Road. Leah Ness and John Davis from Ayres Associates provided details. Ness explained that there are four lanes on the west end of the highway, which merge to two lanes; the four lanes are posted at 35 mph, and the two lanes are posted at 45 mph. Their speed study included traffic counters and a crash history for five years. The crash history showed 55 crashes, six of which were related to speed. Ness stated that the posted speeds are within acceptable engineering standards. Their study of traffic signal warrants included a manual traffic turning movement count, intersection crash history, intersection operation, and consideration of existing development and potential new development. She explained the warrants, which are defined by the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* and the *WisDOT Traffic Signal Design Manual*: eight-hour vehicular volume; four hour volume; peak hour volume; crash experience. She reported that the study showed the warrants are within acceptable engineering standards. Their conclusion was that having designated left turn lanes at the Corporate Drive/Commerce Road intersection would reduce the chances of collisions occurring. Dennis Osgood reported that the highway could be striped to designate left turn lanes when seal coating is done. He also stated that any changes would have to meet state DOT warrants. Lengthy discussion followed. Public comment was received from Becky Brockman and Patrick Brockman, who questioned speed limits and methods used in the study.

MOTION by Johnson/Schroeder to replace "lane width" with "number of lanes" on Page 3 of the Speed and Warrant Study on County Highway OT, Measures to Enhance Motorist Compliance, second bullet point. **Motion passed unanimously.** Benrud absent.

MOTION by Berns/Pfaff to accept Page 3 of the Speed and Warrant Study on County Highway OT, Measures to Enhance Motorist Compliance, as amended. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud absent.

UPDATE ON PHARMACEUTICAL PROGRAM FOR HHM

Randy Nedrelo and Hank Koch reported that they learned that the pharmaceutical disposal program may not be aligned with federal Drug Enforcement Administration conditions. They have not been told the program is non-compliant, but will seek clarification on collecting pharmaceuticals. Discussion was held about reducing hours for accepting medications until clarification is received.

UPDATE ON GAS TO ENERGY PROJECT

An update was provided in committee packets. The department is planning an educational event at the County Board Planning Meeting in July, 2010.

APPROVE BIDS FOR PICKUP TRUCK AT LANDFILL

A Request for Proposal for a half-ton pickup truck was issued to six vendors (i.e. Dahl Ford, Brenengen Auto Group, Honda Motorwerks, Midwest Toyota, Pischke Motors, Clason Pontiac-Buick). There were two responses. The bids were evaluated by a team consisting of the landfill operator, landfill operations technician, and purchasing manager. Points were awarded for specifications and features (20 points), warranty and incentives (10 points), cost (50 points), and test drive/inspection (20 points).

VENDOR	EVALUATION SCORE	COST	PROPOSED TRADE-IN AMOUNT	NET COST
Pischke Motors: 2010 Ram 1500 Quad 4 wheel drive	90	\$23,363.00	\$2,000.00	\$21,363.00
Dahl Ford: 2010 F-150 Crew Cab 4 wheel drive	95	\$24,163.00	\$2,350.00	\$21,813.00

The team chose to test/inspect both vehicles, although one vehicle may not have met specifications, and recommended the proposal from Dahl Ford. The cost is budgeted. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Geary to approve purchasing a 2010 F-150 Crew Cab F-150 4 wheel drive pickup truck from Dahl Ford at \$21,813.00. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud absent.

APPROVE BIDS FOR TREE PLANTING AT LANDFILL

Bids were received to plant and maintain 89 trees, and to also maintain 25 other trees that were planted in 2009. Four vendors submitted proposals, and were scored by a team consisting of the solid waste director, a landscape consultant, and the purchasing manager. Points were awarded on qualifications and references (30 points), scope of work (20 points), cost (50 points), and interview (50 points). The cost is budgeted.

VENDOR	EVALUATION SCORE	COST
AES	135	\$26,068.91
Four Seasons	99	\$32,997.00
Christen Farm	Did not interview	\$46,848.62
Winther Land Designs	Did not interview	\$52,331.73

The team recommended AES. Hank Koch explained that the plan called for a natural look, and there were only a couple of nurseries in the state that could provide trees that do not have lower branches pruned. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Johnson to approve the bid from AES for tree planting and maintenance at \$26,068.91. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud absent.

UPDATE ON INTERNAL AUDIT FINANCIAL PROCEDURES AT SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

Gary Ingvalson provided an update on internal auditing procedures. He stated that the audit started before two employees left the Solid Waste department for other County departments, and resulted in new policies and procedures for cash handling, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and reports in general. Two new employees have now been hired, both with extensive experience in business, billing, and accounts receivable.

APPROVE EXTENSION TO AMENDMENT 4 FOR BOTTOM ASH MATERIAL FROM XCEL

Hank Koch and Dave Lange explained that the amendment extension is related to disposal of ash produced at the French Island waste-to-energy plant, which expired on December 31, 2009. The amendment provides an extension to December 31, 2012. It increases the charge to \$15.00 per ton, effective July 1, 2010. **MOTION** by Johnson/Schroeder to approve Amendment 4 for bottom ash material from Xcel. **Motion passed unanimously.** Benrud absent.

JULY 5, 2010, HOLIDAY MEETING DATE CONFLICT; SUGGEST JULY 7 OR 8, 2010

The agenda item was referred to the June, 2010, committee meeting.

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING AND CONFLICT WITH WCHA SUMMER CONFERENCE JUNE 7-9, 2010

Committee consensus was to hold the June meeting on June 3, 2010, at 4:00 p.m.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None suggested.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Berns/Johnson to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Approved, June 3, 2010, Margaret Norden, Recorder