

## **PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

Monday, February 7, 2011

Administrative Center – Room 3220

4:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charles Spiker, Jim Berns (4:02 p.m., exc. 5:10 p.m.), Ralph Geary, Leon Pfaff, Jeff Schroeder

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Arlene Benrud, Jai Johnson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Jim Speropulos, Hank Koch, Steve O'Malley, Margaret Norden, Keith Back, Randy Nedrelo, Nick Nichols, Charlie Handy, Mary Kaufmann, Ida Jensen, Rebecca Flege, Brian Kent, Maureen Freedland, Jill Billings

### **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 THE JANUARY 13, 2011, COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MOTION** by Schroeder/Pfaff to approve the Minutes of the January 13, 2011, Committee Meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Berns, Johnson excused.

### **CONSENT AGENDA (INFORMATIONAL)**

- a. Minutes of Economic Development Fund Committee meeting of January 6, 2011
- b. Minutes of LEC Construction Committee meeting of January 11, 2011
- c. Check Requisitions over \$20,000 (handout)
- d. Solid Waste Director's report, including Gas to Energy report
- e. Facilities Department annual report (handout – for review and approval at March 7, 2011, meeting)

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

### **CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT**

- Solid Waste Policy Board meeting report

Supervisor Pfaff distributed copies of meeting minutes and a summary of discussions. Hank Koch provided explanation of hauler rebates.

### **RESOLUTION RE: DETERMINATION OF NECESSITY TO ACQUIRE SCHROEDER PROPERTY ON STATE ROAD 16**

The Resolution was referred back to committee by the County Board for clarification issues raised about access road design and land use. The Resolution would allow the County to hire an appraiser and negotiate with the landowners for purchase of property adjacent to the County Solid Waste Department. Steve O'Malley reviewed the legal reasons for obtaining an appraisal before entering into negotiations, and the advantages of acquiring the property, including:

- Improved landfill entrance safety, alignment and access
- Creation of two marketable parcels from reconfigured roadway
- Recovery of purchase price over short time period
- Money savings from excess soil from road construction preparation that could be used for landfill projects
- Added tax base for both City of La Crosse and City of Onalaska

He stated that since land values and the asking price have dropped, it is advantageous to purchase property next to the landfill at this time. Charlie Handy

reported on previous developer inquiries, compatible land use issues with development next to the landfill, and the advantage of having some control over land use that would form a buffer between the landfill and highway. He stated that a purchase would initially take the Schroeder property off the tax rolls, but with two lots that could be marketed there is potential to then add to the tax base. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Berns to refer the Resolution Re: Determination of Necessity to Acquire Schroeder Property on State Road 16 back to the County Board and provide the information that was presented. **Motion carried 4-1.** Schroeder opposed; Benrud, Johnson excused.

#### **UPDATE ON HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER INTERVIEWS**

Steve O'Malley reported that preliminary interviews of seven candidates were conducted February 3, 2011. The final three candidates will be interviewed on February 10, 2011. The meeting will convene at 4:15 p.m. to finalize interview questions, with interviews starting at 4:30 p.m., and each interview scheduled for an hour. The consensus of the committee was that a closed session would not be necessary.

#### **APPROVE CULVERT BIDS**

Keith Back presented culvert vendors and their bids as follows:

Contech Construction Products	\$67,437.70
Metal Culverts, Inc.	\$68,744.53
Illowa Culverts	\$78,893.40
Johnston-Fargo Culvert	\$106,635.20

Funding is from the machinery fund. **MOTION** by Geary/Berns to approve the purchase of culverts from Contech Construction Products for a total of \$67,437.70. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Johnson excused.

#### **DISCUSS NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGIES**

Keith Back reported on a vendor that provided information at the recent Wisconsin Counties Highway Association conference about their method of asphalt resurfacing, and their claim of saving 30% on normal resurfacing projects. Back reported that there may be some future projects where they could use this type of resurfacing, but for the planned projects in 2011, the pavement depth is insufficient. He answered questions about the company location and sites where the resurfacing has been used.

#### **APPROVE DISCRETIONARY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Keith Back reported that there are two planned projects in the agreement, both related to traffic signing. The total reimbursable cost is \$18,700.00. **MOTION** by Schroeder/Berns to approve the discretionary maintenance agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Johnson excused.

#### **APPROVE REQUEST TO RAISE SPEED LIMIT ON COUNTY HIGHWAY ZN**

Keith Back reported that the Town of Onalaska has requested that the speed limit on County ZN at the western end of Brice Prairie be raised from 25 to 35 miles per hour. The Highway Department conducted a one-day speed assessment to show the speed at which 85% of the traveling public believed the correct speed to be. The results were that 85% of drivers in the study were traveling at an average of 35.2 mph. Back reported that he asked Sheriff's Department Captain Horstman about any concerns, and Horstman had no concerns about accidents or other issues. **MOTION** by Schroeder/Pfaff to approve the request from the Town of Onalaska to raise the speed limit on County ZN from County ZZ to the junction with County ZB from 25 to 35 miles per hour. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Johnson excused.

**APPROVE CLEANING CONTRACT REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

Jim Speropulos reported that the Administrative Center and Health and Human Services Building cleaning contract is due for renewal the end of March 31, 2011. Responses to the RFP were as follows:

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Cost per month</b>	<b>Total points awarded</b>
ISS Facility Services	\$11,940	70
J&K of La Crosse, dba Service Master Commercial Cleaning	\$13,420	68
La Crosse Maintenance Supply	\$4,720	65

The scoring was based on cost (30%), proposed staffing levels (30%), equipment and supplies (25%), experience (10%), and reference (5%). Jim Speropulos reported that he believed La Crosse Maintenance Supply had underestimated the size of the buildings and number of hours required to clean them. He recommended ISS Facility Service for the cleaning contract. **MOTION** by Pfaff/Geary to approve a cleaning contract with ISS Facility Services at \$11,940.00 per month from April 1, 2011, to March 31, 2014. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Berns, Johnson excused.

**RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF LEASE WITH GOOSE ISLAND CAMPGROUND CONCESSIONAIRE**

The Resolution would authorize an addendum to the current lease that would extend the lease with Nancy Ida Christenson to operate as the Goose Island Campground concessionaire from January 1, 2012, to December 31, 2016. Mary Kaufmann explained that the county-owned computer will provide remote access to reservations and thus save her time and mileage. Discussion was held about the volume of reservation phone calls and the potential of going to on-line reservations, which would increase fees by \$5.00. There are no plans at this time to go to on-line reservations. **MOTION** by Geary/Schroeder to approve the Resolution Re: Approval of Extension of Lease with Goose Island Campground Concessionaire. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Berns, Johnson excused.

**UPDATE ON MINDORO COUNTY PARK**

Mary Kaufmann provided a report from James Dalton, Wisconsin DNR Forester, on timber harvesting in the Mindoro County Park. She has also spoken with Gregg Stangl, department head of the County Land Conservation office, about the best time to harvest the trees. Any proceeds from timber sales could be put towards park improvements. Supervisor Schroeder suggested waiting, if possible, for better timber prices. When bids are solicited, they will be brought to committee for approval.

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: MARCH 7, 2011**

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Traffic study on County B and BW.  
Recycling by haulers

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Pfaff/Schroeder to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** Benrud, Berns, Johnson excused. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

**Approved,** March 7, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder