

## **PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

Monday, October 10, 2011

Administrative Center – Room 3220

4:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Charles Spiker, Arlene Benrud, Jim Berns (4:07 p.m.), Ralph Geary, Jai Johnson, Jeff Schroeder

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Leon Pfaff

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Hank Koch, Ron Chamberlain, Jim Speropulos, Steve O'Malley, Margaret Norden, Keith Back, Randy Nedrelo, Mary Kaufmann, Bryan Jostad, Ray Ebert

### **ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ray Ebert thanked the Facilities Department for putting in solar lights in the bathroom facilities at Veterans Memorial Park.

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2011**

**MOTION** by Benrud/Geary to approve the Minutes of September 8, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns, Pfaff excused.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Schroeder/Geary to accept and file the following Consent Agenda items.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

- Check Requisitions over \$20,000
- Update on Oktoberfest parking: Jim Speropulos reported that DARE/GREAT made \$3,340
- Solid Waste Director's Report: Referred to the November, 2011, agenda

### **CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT**

None reported.

### **APPROVE CRUSHING CONTRACT AWARD FOR RECYCLED ASPHALT PILE**

Ron Chamberlain presented the following bids for crushing of County-owned bituminous and concrete materials:

Milestone Materials – crush all	\$7.76/tn \$25,608
Milestone Materials – bituminous only	\$7.41/tn \$18,525
Milestone Materials – concrete only	\$14.41/tn \$11,528
Milestone Materials – crush 1200 ton	\$11.21/tn \$13,452

He recommended crushing all materials.

**MOTION** by Schroeder/Johnson to approve the contract with Milestone Materials to crush all County-owned bituminous and concrete materials for a total of \$25,608. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns, Pfaff excused.

### **REVIEW AND ACT ON DOUBLE DRUM ROLLER RFP**

Ron Chamberlain reported that a new drum roller will be used for asphalt paving and seal coating. The purchase will be paid from the machinery fund. The bids were reviewed by staff from the Highway Department and Purchasing. Proposals were evaluated on the following points: Specifications (20 points), warranty and repair (20 points), equipment demonstration (20 points), and cost (40 points). Results were as follows:

VENDOR	EVALUATION SCORE	COST
FABCO – CAT	99	\$114,682.00
Roland Hamm – 110VV	92	\$115,870.00
Brooks – Dynapac	91	\$114,750.00
Miller-Bradford Bomag 266	79	\$120,300.00
Miller-Bradford Bomag 161	Did not meet specifications	\$108,500.00
Miller-Bradford Bomag 151	Did not meet specifications	\$95,400.00
Roland Hamm 75HV	Did not meet specifications – used – 1 year old	\$55,500.00
Roland Hamm 90HV	Did not meet specifications – used – 3 years old	\$88,200.00
Finkbiner Saki	Did not provide equipment for demonstration	\$107,500.00

Chamberlain recommended purchasing from FABCO. **MOTION** by Benrud/Geary to approve purchasing a double drum roller from FABCO at \$114,682.00. **Motion carried unanimously.** Berns, Pfaff excused.

#### **REVIEW AND ACT ON THE 2012 CAPITAL EQUIPMENT PLAN**

Ron Chamberlain presented a purchase plan for needed equipment in the Highway Department. He included 2013 and 2014 projected purchases. He stated that there are two pieces of equipment to purchase out of the 2011 budget – a motor grader and an air compressor – and stated that any funds carried forward would remain in the machinery fund. Keith Back gave an explanation of how the machinery fund is maintained. Discussion was held about the possibility of utilizing Highway equipment and personnel for landfill projects. **MOTION** by Benrud/Spiker to approve the 2012 Capital Equipment Plan. **Motion carried unanimously.** Pfaff excused.

#### **APPROVE WISCONSIN DOT ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

Ron Chamberlain provided the annual agreement with the state Department of Transportation which authorizes La Crosse County to maintain road surfaces. The County labor is budgeted at \$742,300; equipment at \$609,900; materials at \$178,700; and administrative support at \$174,300. **MOTION** by Berns/Johnson to approve the Wisconsin DOT Routine Maintenance Agreement. **Motion carried unanimously.** Pfaff excused.

#### **RESOLUTION RE: OPPOSITION TO 2011 ASSEMBLY BILL 146**

The Resolution addresses an Assembly Bill which would eliminate restrictions on using renewable resource credits after the fourth year after the credit is created. Nick Nichols stated that most utilities are required to provide a certain amount of renewable energy, and have to continually fund new projects to avail themselves of the resource credits. With no expiration date for the credits, there is less incentive to develop new renewable programs. The bill is presently in committee. Nichols reported that the Gas-to-Energy project is far enough along that it might not be affected. Supervisor Geary requested having Xcel Energy report to the County Board regarding the bill.

**MOTION** by Johnson/Benrud to approve the Resolution Re: Opposition to 2011 Assembly Bill 146. No vote was taken.

**MOTION** by Geary/Berns to refer the Resolution Re: Opposition to 2011 Assembly Bill 146 30 days to be able to hear a speaker from Xcel Energy. **Motion carried 4-1-2.** Pfaff excused; Johnson, Spiker opposed.

#### **UPDATE ON GAS-TO-ENERGY PROJECT**

Hank Koch reported that the Gas-to-Energy project is approximately 80% done. It is \$32,000 under budget; they have not needed to use contingency funds. The project is now

about three months behind due to negotiations between Gundersen Lutheran and Xcel Energy regarding the buy-back rate. They anticipate a January start-up pending approval by the Public Service Commission. Koch stated that the County's partnership with Gundersen Lutheran has been excellent.

## **2012 BUDGET REVIEW FOR DEPARTMENTS REPORTING TO PUBLIC WORKS INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

Steve O'Malley reviewed the 2012 budget for the following departments. He stated that the Wisconsin Retirement System shift to employee contributions saved substantially, but did not solve all budget problems:

- Facilities: O'Malley stated the tax levy is down, due primarily to more precision regarding utility usage and conservation, decreases in capital expenditures, savings on contracted maintenance, and increased fees. He spoke about jail special assessments, which go to specific expenses, and will be used to pay for maintenance of jail operation. Discussion was held about parks improvements, and future considerations regarding major capital expenses, including Lakeview and Administrative Center remodel vs. replacement.
- Highway: O'Malley reported that tax levy is down by more than \$200,000. The biggest savings was elimination of two vacant positions. Ongoing capital needs are being spread out across a number of needs in the County. Debt will be paid off earlier than expected, which will give a margin of debt for future needs. Discussion was held about reviewing vacant positions due to retirement.
- Solid Waste: O'Malley stated they are adding one position (scale attendant), and offsetting a portion of that expense by eliminating a seasonal worker in the Household Hazardous Waste section. The position will be paid by Solid Waste revenues. Discussion was held about a timetable for resolving a vendor contract issue. Further discussion was held about the status of acquiring adjacent property for possible development. O'Malley also reported on the budgets for the Sustainability Coordinator and the Household Hazardous Waste section.

## **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: NOVEMBER 7, 2011**

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Assessment of Administrative Center roof and asbestos

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Benrud/Spiker to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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