

PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

November 5, 2012

Room 3220 Administrative Center

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Don Meyer (Chair), Jim Berns, Maureen Freedland, Charles Spiker and Jeff Schroeder, Steve Doyle and Leon Pfaff
MEMBERS EXCUSED:	none
OTHERS PRESENT:	Jim Speropulos, Steve O'Malley, Ron Chamberlain, Hank Koch, Dave Lange, Keith Back, Randy Nedrelo, Sharon Hampson, Peg Jerome, Ralph Geary, Ray Ebert, Gary Ingvalson, Mary Kaufmann, Nick Nichols, Thomas Downs, Karl Wiggert, Hubert Hoffman, Erich Rathke, Mike Tellier, Ron Clark, Charles Deony and Marion Naegle

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hubert Hoffman, Erich Rathke, Ron Clark and Mike Tellier all spoke against a County Wheel Tax.

APPROVE MINUTES OF October 8, 2012

MOTION by Doyle/Freedland to approve the minutes of October 8, 2012. It was noted that the time of adjournment was 5:49 p.m. not 6:49 p.m. **Motion with correction carried unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA

- Check requisitions over \$20,000.

MOTION by Pfaff/Berns to approve the consent agenda. **Motion carried unanimously.**

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

Solid Waste Director reported on a conference he attended in Iowa. He felt the most important issue was a report on Iowa City's landfill site fire. He detailed the cause of the fire, the cost of putting it out and clean-up costs which were around \$1 million. There were many lessons learned. Their landfill liner was tire chips which caused the fire.

La Crosse County's landfill liner is gravel which is State code. He is planning on meeting with the La Crosse and Onalaska Fire Departments to help them understand the severity of a landfill fire. He is also looking into getting information on insuring the landfill in case of a fire.

APPROVAL OF LAKE NESHONOC WINTER EVENTS

The Facilities Department has received multiple requests for winter events to be held on Lake Neshonoc. They would like the following to be approved.

January 19, 2013	Pro vintage Snowmobile Racing club – oval snowmobile races
January 26, 2013	Friends of Lake Neshonoc – Ice Fishing Derby
January/February 2013	Sports Car Club of La Crosse – winter racing events
February 8 & 9, 2013	Pond Hockey Tournament

The Facilities Department will follow through with the organizations to ensure conditions of approval are met (insurance, event dates, clean up etc).

MOTION by Doyle/Schroeder to approve the Lake Neshonoc Winter Events. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR SUSTAINABLE FOREST HARVEST AT COUNTY LANDFILL SITE

The Solid Waste Department in conjunction with a Forestry Consultant has ascertained the timber resource within the landfill property is at an appropriate stage to harvest. The Forestry Consultant has surveyed the plot regarding the number of harvest trees by species and gross volume of board feet. The Forester has clearly identified and marked harvest trees. The Solid Waste Department has received three bids. The Forestry Consultant has determined the highest revenue bid is an acceptable amount based on the timber resource and market conditions. The bid submitted by Meister Log and Lumber is recommended.

Bidder	Revenue
Meister Log and Lumber – Reedsburg, WI	\$38,672.00
Rockbridge Sawmill – Richland Center, WI	\$36,800.00
White City Lumber Company – Hillsboro, WI	\$26,300.00

MOTION by Spiker/Pfaff to approve the bid from Meister Log and Lumber – Reedsburg, WI in the amount of \$38,672.00 for Sustainable Forest Harvest at the County Landfill Site.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #4 FOR BOTTOM ASH CONTRACT WITH XCEL

Amendment No. 4 to the Solid Waste Disposal Agreement relating to the disposal of ash produced at the French island generating plant, including extensions will expire December 31, 2012. This approval will extend Amendment No. 4 until December 31, 2014. Paragraph No. 2 is amended to provide that La Crosse County shall charge NSPW \$16.50 per ton for Tramp Material (bottom ash) and the remaining provisions of said paragraph will remain the same except all references to Tramp Material shall be changed to bottom ash. This is a 10% increase for La Crosse County. **MOTION** by Schroeder/Berns to approve Amendment #4 for Bottom Ash Contract with Xcel for two years and a 10% increase. **Motion carried unanimously.**

REVIEW AND APPROVE THE 2013 WisDOT/LA CROSSE COUNTY ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT (RMA)

The La Crosse County Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA) for 2013 is \$1,697,800 a decrease of \$7,400 from 2012. This is the contract under which we are paid for maintenance of the State Trunk Highways in La Crosse County. **MOTION** by Berns/Pfaff to approve the 2013 WisDOT/La Crosse County Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA). **Motion carried unanimously.**

REVIEW AND APPROVE CTH OA CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT

Mead and Hunt, the consulting firm that designed the CTH OA Construction Project has not been responding to requests being made by the Highway Department. SEH will be on the project inspecting the bridge that they designed, so in an effort to minimize mobilization costs, the Highway Department would like to utilize their services as a back up to using mostly our own staff Engineering Technician. The cost of \$65,500 is a cost not to exceed based on their providing all inspection services, we will be minimizing this by using our Engineering Technician where and whenever possible.

MOTION by Doyle/Schroeder to approve CTH OA Construction Inspection Services Contract with SEH for a cost not to exceed \$65,500. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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REVIEW AND APPROVE 2013 BRIDGE DESIGN PACKAGE

This design package is set up for construction funding under the Local Bridge Program for an 80/20 grant. As required when pursuing Federal Funds a Quality Based Selection Process is used and then the price for each bridge is negotiated. The successful consulting firm was MSA Professional Services out of Baraboo WI. The Town of Barre had a representative present for the short list selection and they have approved that selection as well as their cost of 50% of the local costs. The projects are listed below.

Structure #B320010 CTH M over Branch of Morman Creek	\$ 52,443.01
Structure #B320096 CTH XX over Halfway Creek	\$ 73,655.06
Structure #B320099 CTH B over Bostwick Creek	\$ 77,624.37
Structure #P320903 Drogseth Road over Bostwick Creek	\$ 44,027.83
TOTAL	\$247,750.29

MOTION by Schroeder/Spiker to approve the 2013 Bridge Design Package from MSA Professional Services in the amount of \$247,750.29. **Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF BIDS

- **PRECAST CONCRETE ARCH STRUCTURE**

Purchase of precast concrete arch structure to replace the structure on CTH DE just south of Balmer road. There were some difficulties in obtaining the permits from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources so the structure will be delivered after the 1st of the year and construction will take place in spring of 2013.

VENDOR	BID AMOUNT/RATE/COST
Contech Construction Products	\$55,200.00
Crest Precast Inc.	\$78,500.00

Contech Construction Products is the recommended vendor.

- **ASPHALT RUBBER CRACK SEALANT**

Purchase of asphalt rubber crack seal material. Truckload quantity of approximately 45,000 pounds.

VENDOR	BID AMOUNT/RATE/COST
Farrell Equipment & Supply	\$.52/lb
Gerdau Ameristeel	\$.60/lb
Konrad Material Sales	\$.546/lb
Midstates Equipment & Supply	\$.52/lb .55/lb
Sherwin Industries	\$.5449/lb

Farrell Equipment & Supply is the recommended vendor.

- **POLY-FIBER CRACK SEALANT**

Purchase of poly fiber crack seal material. Two truckloads of approximately 45,000 pounds each. One truckload will be invoiced to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

VENDOR	BID AMOUNT/RATE/COST
Gerdau Ameristeel	\$.575/lb
Konrad Material Sales	\$.67/lb
Midstates Equipment & Supply	\$.525/lb
Sherwin Industries	\$.5649/lb

Midstates Equipment & Supply is the recommended vendor.

MOTION by Pfaff/Berns to approve the above bids. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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2013 BUDGET – HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE NEEDS AND CONSIDERATION OF WHEEL TAX

The County Administrator explained that La Crosse County has been underfunding maintenance for roads for years and now the County has about \$36 million in unmet road needs. The rate of inflation for materials alone has gone up 70% in the last seven years. The Administrator has added \$400,000 into the highway maintenance proposed 2013 budget from the property tax levy to help these unmet road needs. Some Supervisors wanted the Administrator to look at a wheel tax as part of the solution to help fund the highway maintenance budget. The suggestion first went to the Executive Committee and they referred it to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee. The Administrator stated that this is only information requested and nothing has been put in the 2013 proposed budget. If a wheel tax was approved by this committee and the County Board, it would have to be in the form of an Ordinance change. He explained what a wheel tax is and summarized wheel tax data. Wisconsin law allows a county to collect an annual county vehicle registration fee (wheel tax) in addition to the regular annual registration fee paid for a vehicle. All vehicles with automobile registration or truck registration at 8,000 lbs. or less (except dual purpose farm registration) kept in the county are subject to the wheel tax. State law does not specify the amount of the wheel tax. However, the county must use all revenue from the wheel tax for transportation related purposes. Wisconsin DOT collects wheel taxes for the county, keeps an administrative fee of 10 cents per vehicle and sends the rest of the fee to the county. Wisconsin DOT collects the wheel tax at the time of first registration and at each registration renewal. Current wheel tax jurisdictions in the State of Wisconsin are City of Beloit, City of Janesville, City of Mayville, City of Milwaukee and St. Croix County. Each of these jurisdictions charges \$10.

ESTIMATED WHEEL TAX REVENUE FOR LA CROSSE COUNTY

Wheel Tax Rate	\$10/Vehicle	\$12/Vehicle	\$15/Vehicle	\$20/Vehicle
Eligible Vehicles 7/11-6/12	86,241	86,241	86,241	86,241
Gross Wheel Tax Collections	\$862,410	\$1,034,892	\$1,293,615	\$1,724,820
Less DMV Process Fee	\$8,624	\$8,624	\$8,624	\$8,624
Net Wheel Tax Income	\$853,786	\$1,026,268	\$1,284,991	\$1,716,196

The Committee felt this would be a good topic for a Planning meeting. No action was taken.

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Schroeder/Berns at 5:30 p.m. to go into closed session pursuant to s. 19.85(1) (e) Wis. Stats. Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require closed sessions To Wit: Approve Offering Prices CTH – OA. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Closed Session Action:

The reason for convening the closed session regarding the real estate acquisitions continues pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(e) Wis. Stats. The record is not open to public inspection at this time.

MOTION Doyle/Schroeder to go into open session at 5:43 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: December 10, 2012

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN

MOTION by Spiker/Schroeder to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting. Marion Naegle, Recorder