

## Public Works Committee Monday January 3, 2022 – 5:00 pm Health & Human Services Center – Community Room 303 W. Chapel Street Dodgeville, Wisconsin

Iowa County Wisconsin

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Any subject on this agenda may become an action item.				
1	The meeting w	The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Sup. Gollon		
2	All members present: Gollon, Butteris, Deal, Masters, Storti, and Meyers  Other present: Administrator Bierke, Operations Manager Sudmeier, Dave Morzenti  Present via Zoom: Commissioner Hardy, Operations Manager Wenger, Business Manager Fitzsimons, Sup. Leix joined the meeting at 5:36 PM.			
3	Sup. Storti moved to approve, second by Sup. Deal; the agenda for this meeting and the minutes for December 6, 2021. Motion approved unanimously.			
	Next meeting	date was set to be held on Monday, January 31, 2022		
4	The Committee thanked Operations Manager Sudmeier for his 29+ years of service to the County, his approachability with issues, and wished him well with his upcoming retirement.			
	Sup. Masters commented on the ability / inability to hire CDL truck drivers and how the Department process is going with hiring employees. Commented on Federal changes which will make hiring new CDL drivers more cumbersome – more difficult for new drivers to attain licensure. Expressed concerns with the County wage grid and pay levels for CDL truck drivers. Chair commented there was an agenda item for an Employment update later in the meeting.			
5	There is a backlog of a year or more for the purchase of new dump trucks. No manufacturers are taking orders for any model year 2022 truck deliveries. No orders are being taken for model year 2023 trucks at this time either. When orders do become available to be placed; manufacturer order dates will be for early 2023 with deliveries in the 3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter of 2023. Typically the highway department orders trucks and they are built and delivered the following year. We have been notified the vendor is sold out of their allocation for 2022 which will delay ordering until 2023. At this time we are on a reservation list for 2023. We were also notified of significant price increases due to skyrocketing material and component costs, increased labor wages, rising fuel prices, and higher logistics rates. The Commissioner pointed out equipment and machinery purchases are exempt from the open bidding processes required of projects in the state statutes. The Commissioner also pointed out he is exempt from County Policy 314. He states the department has always gone through an open bid process for equipment and machinery, but based on the current market conditions will be negotiating pricing to secure order dates in lieu of the bid process. The Committee discussed the issues regarding purchasing, bidding, budgeting, and truck delivery timeframes; and the potential impacts on the budget and borrowing. Hardy will move forward reserving slots to meet the needs of the Highway Department for 2022 and 2023 truck orders. Commissioner will keep the county advised of changes in the situation.			
6		o Navigate a R-Cut / J-Turn video from WisDOT. Video would display o	on screen but	

would not function for audio, so postponed until the February meeting.

B. Review of 2020-21 2.0M Borrowing Acquisitions. Committee reviewed a spreadsheet of the acquisitions committed to. C. Review of 2021 1.7M Borrowing Acquisitions. Committee reviewed a spreadsheet of the acquisitions committed to. D. CTH II Bridge Project Bid Results. Hardy explained the CTH II bridge project came in about 5.5% over engineer's estimate, primarily due to inflation. Projects > 5% over estimate are not immediately awarded, but Hardy requested WisDOT award the bid due to high number of bids received, and there is nothing to change with the project to attain a different outcome. E. Bid Awards – Equipment (Roller) and Engineering Services (CTH C, K, YD). Hardy summarized the Notice of Awards for both and that the November 2021 borrowing amount for the Department will be fully allocated after signature of these agreements. F. Project updates CTH F, N, NN, and T. G. Employment Update. Hardy provided an update on the status of positions with the Operations Manager position having been filled, and ongoing interviews for GIS/Engineering Technician and HWY Accountant. Discussion of the number of applicants received and other positons for section patrols and equipment operators. Masters commented the County may need to look at pay within the department for CDL drivers as the CDL market is getting tight for employment. H. Public review and comment for improvements to CTH F intersection at Blue Mounds. Motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes sec. 19.85(1)(g). Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. (Jurisdictional Offer to purchase property easement for CTH F highway project). Motion to enter closed session with committee members, Sup. Leix, Sup. Meyers, Corp Counsel, Highway Commissioner Hardy, and Administrator Bierke present by Storti, second by Deal. Motion approved unanimously. Others present via zoom and in person left the meeting.

Motion to end the closed session and return to open session. Motion by Masters, second by Storti. Motion approved and meeting returned to open session.

8 Sup. Storti Moved to adjourn the meeting. Sup Deal seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Craig Hardy, Highway Commissioner

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