

The Public Works Committee met at the Highway Department Office.

Present: Supervisors Kaul, Kletti, Rothstein, Grosklaus and Uselding. Staff: County Administrator Meaux, Public Works Director Dreblow, Pro Shop Manager Lesar, Building Superintendents Behlen and Hicks and County Clerk Winkelhorst.

Others Present: Supervisors Brooks and Walerstein, Bill Schanen – Ozaukee Press, Dan Benson – Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and Jeff Thiel

Call to Order/Proper Notice/Adoption of Agenda: Chairperson Kaul called the meeting to order at 8:03 A.M. Ms. Winkelhorst assured the committee that the meeting was properly noticed. Motion made by Supervisor Uselding, seconded by Supervisor Grosklaus to adopt the agenda as presented. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (5-0)

Public Comments/Correspondence/Communications: Supervisor Grosklaus questioned as to why information on the ice center was known by the news media but not the supervisors. Supervisor Brooks responded that they were gathering all the facts before presenting to the County Board and that the County Board was aware on the September Road trip that there were some options being explored.

Supervisor Uselding questioned the placement of the cables on I43. Mr. Dreblow stated that he was asked to provide all information to the Department of Transportation (WisDOT) regarding his concerns of not being centered in the median and that some vehicles had gotten passed the cables. Mr. Dreblow provided the WisDOT with the number of hits and where they occurred since the cables were installed. Mr. Dreblow further stated that the plan view showed the cables on center and that the detailed view showed them offset. He believes that the wet conditions at the time of installation influenced where they were placed. Until this issue is resolved, cable barriers can not be installed anywhere in the state.

Supervisor Uselding questioned as to why snow fences are used if the equipment is so improved. Mr. Dreblow stated that the fences help with the blowing and drifting of snow.

Supervisor Uselding questioned as to whether a resolution could be done to encourage the state to look at three lanes on I43. Mr. Dreblow stated that the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional 20 year plan does call for an extra lane, but the traffic volume at this time does not warrant it. Supervisor Brooks added that certain projects that may be in the plan lack support by Ozaukee County communities. He would not be opposed to passing a resolution to encourage the WisDOT to widen the road. Possibly this could be addressed at a second County Board meeting.

Supervisor Kletti reported on the Wisconsin Highway Commissioner's Association (WCHA) meeting that he attended stating that they are working with the superintendents to make their meeting in January more worthwhile. Also reporting that there were issues on not getting funding that was requested.

Mr. Dreblow stated that December 11 was declared Snowplow Driver Appreciation Day by the Governor. He also reported that the General Transportation Aides (GTA) for 2008 were \$1,105,633.80.

Approve Minutes of the December 6 Meeting: Motion made by Supervisor Kletti, seconded by Supervisor Grosklaus to approve the December 6 minutes as mailed. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (5-0)

8:30 AM Transit Program Supervisor Seidl and Jack Furey, President of the Ozaukee Ice Association now present.

Public Hearing – Transit Services:

Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Application for 85.20 Funding Assistance for Ozaukee County Transit Services: 8:35 AM Chairperson Kaul declared the public hearing opened. Ms. Seidl stated that this is a grant to fund the operating expenses of the transit services. In 2008 there will an increase in hours and additional evening service Monday – Thursday from 6-9 PM. Mr. Thiel addressed the committee in support of the program. Chairperson Kaul closed the public hearing at 8:42 AM.

Motion made by Supervisor Grosklaus, seconded by Supervisor Kletti to approve the submittal of the grant application. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (5-0)

Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Farebox Increase for the Ozaukee Express Bus: 8:43 AM Chairperson Kaul declared the public hearing opened. Mr. Dreblow proposed the 2008 bus fare increase in keeping the fare structure in line with Milwaukee County Transit. Ms. Seidl stated that the cash fare would see a \$.50 increase from \$2.25 to \$2.75. and premium bus fare tickets, which are sold in sheets of 10, an increase of \$1.00 from \$21.00 to \$22.00.

8:47 AM Chairperson Kaul closed the public hearing. Motion made by Supervisor Kletti, seconded by Supervisor Rothstein to increase the farebox for the Ozaukee Express as proposed. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (5-0)

Chairperson Kaul requested to move ahead in the agenda. There were no objections.

Transit Services Items:

Authorize Program Supervisor Attendance at FTA 2008 Triennial Review Workshop, Jan. 31-Feb. 1, Chicago, IL: Mr. Dreblow explained that there was no charge for the seminar just the transportation and lodging costs. Motion made by Supervisor Grosklaus, seconded by Supervisor Uselding to authorize Ms. Seidl to attend the FTA 2008 Triennial Review Workshop in Chicago, IL. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (5-0)

Approve Fund Transfer for Additional Taxi Hours in 2007: Mr. Dreblow stated that his request is to cover the possible expenditures of additional service hours in 2007 for the Ozaukee shared-ride taxi. The proposed fund transfer reduces expenditures in the bus program by \$22,500 and reduces revenues by \$18,000. Correspondingly, there would be an increase in expenditures in the taxi program of \$22,500 and increase in revenues of \$18,000.

Motion made by Supervisor Kletti, seconded by Supervisor Grosklaus to approve the fund transfer. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (5-0)

Planning & Parks Items:

Discussion Regarding Ozaukee Ice Center: Supervisor Brooks reviewed the history on the ice center. The balance owed is approximately \$360,000. The Ice Association has repeatedly asked the County for the \$4 million for a second sheet of ice. The County Board is not interested in funding the second sheet and so fundraising has started, but funding for a county project is very

difficult. In looking at different options awhile ago, Supervisor Brooks suggested giving ownership of the facility and property to the Ice Association. There is a provision in the state tax code that the Youth Hockey Association would be tax exempt. The Youth Hockey Association would take ownership of the building and property. As it is set up today the County owns the building and property and the Ice Association runs and maintains the building operations. In the contract with the County it states that if the Ice Association cannot afford the maintenance on the building then the County would give them the funds needed.

9:06 AM Supervisor Stern and Planning & Parks Director Struck now present.

The cost of the second sheet of ice is approximately \$3 - 6 million and the value of the building is approximately \$4 million. Mr. Furey stated that the payments to the County are \$15,000 per year and possible revenue from Concordia University would be \$300,000. Supervisor Rothstein questioned the other revenues and expenses. Mr. Furey stated that the financials will be made available at the January 16th meeting of the County Board where a proposal will be discussed. What he is requesting, is that the County give the Ice Association the building and property and forgive the outstanding balance on the loan. Mr. Furey further stated that many rinks in the State are subsidized by the County. He further explained that part of the deal with Concordia University is that the Ice Association work towards putting in a second sheet of ice.

Discussion and questions on the hours that are available to the public for public skate, the need to look at the public interest as this is County tax dollars and fundraising for the second sheet of ice. This is an informational item only.

Facilities Management Items:

Approve Quotes for Relocating Water and Fire Service Lines to Old Jail Building to Accommodate Future Demolition: Mr. Dreblow stated that the relocation of the water and fire service lines is in conjunction with the demolition of the old jail. Mr. Hicks received three proposals: D & M Plumbing & Heating Co., Inc. for \$26,270, Rozga Plumbing & Heating Corporation for \$31,780 and Total Comfort of Wisconsin, Inc. for \$17,765. Mr. Hicks explained the project and the difference in the cost. This is budgeted in 2008 and would like to be done in advance of the demolition. Discussion.

Motion made by Supervisor Grosklous, seconded by Supervisor Rothstein to approve the acceptance of the low bid of \$17,765 with Total Comfort of Wisconsin, Inc. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Planning & Parks Items Continued:

Review of Findings from Independent Cost Estimating Study by Consoer Townsend Engineers (CTE) for Interurban Trail Bridge Project: Stan Lukas, DAAR Engineering, Tom Hessling, Operation Manager – CTE, A.J. Catalanotte, Project Manager – CTE and John Krinke, Project Engineer/Estimator -CTE were now present. Mr. Hessling provided a brief background on CTE. Mr. Catalanotte explained that the understanding for the report was to review the existing structure and approach plans, prepare an independent estimate, compare the independent estimate to bid tabs identifying items with bids that are considerably over the average unit price, evaluate and revise average unit prices, prepare a bid justification summarizing the comparison between the independent engineer estimate and the low bid, contact local contractors for input on cost saving options, contact several suppliers of pre-fabricated steel truss bridges, evaluate substructure units for potential cost savings based upon a prefabricated steel truss option, evaluate aesthetic treatment opportunities for truss and substructure and provide a level of probable construction cost with the prefabricated steel truss and estimate quantities and generated a preliminary

estimate for the alternative pre-fabricated truss structure. Utilizing Estimator Software and Average Unit Bid prices produced a project cost of \$1.5 million not including construction engineering or contingency allocation. The average unit prices were not adequate for the scope of the work. Mr. Catalanotte stated that estimated time, labor and materials revised the unit price for eight items. Those items include: Excavation for Structures, Concrete Masonry Bridges, Bar Steel, Reinforcement Bridges, Bar Steel Reinforcement HS Coated Bridges, HPC Concrete Masonry Superstructures, Post Tensioning Strands, MSE Retaining Walls and Mobilization. Mr. Catalanotte explained the risk analysis that was conducted with the median cost impact of these risk factors at \$350,000. The combination of the revised unit prices and risk factors resulted in a revised estimate of \$2.3 million.

Discussion on whether the original engineer estimate should have been closer to \$2.3 million instead of the \$1.5 million, whether or not to rebid, obligation to Bloom Engineering and scope of the services. Mr. Catalanotte stated that there could be some conversations on how to use the existing design or if Bloom Engineering would be willing to modify their design to extract the structure from the approach segments and then take that design package under a separate design id and then merge with the new superstructure. Discussion on engineers liability for design. Question on what is not ready to bid. Mr. Catalanotte would select a truss style, design new piers and new bridge abutments then merge in with the trail approach plans on both sides. This would be the limit of the bridge redesign. Then there would be oversight and coordination. Mr. Lukas stated that the County may want to consider an amendment for Bloom Engineering and CTE to work together. This would also avoid the selection process, which add additional time to the process.

10:27 AM Supervisor Walerstein excused.

Discussion on CTE and Bloom Engineering working together, purchasing a pre-fabricated bridge next year before proposals on construction and risk involved in doing that.

Motion made by Supervisor Grosklaus, seconded by Supervisor Kletti to seek an engineering amendment proposal including engineering costs from Bloom Engineering to provide the alternate design with CTE as part of the proposal as the sub consultant for design of the pre-fabricated steel structure. Further discussion on the funding. The vote was then taken. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (5-0)

11:00 AM Recess

11:08 AM Reconvene

Highway Items:

Consider Proposal from Gremmer and Assoc. for Survey/Legal Description Work Relating to CTH I: Tom Lanser, Gremmer and Associates. now present. Mr. Dreblow stated that the Hwy I project is complete and there is an opportunity to convey back to the owners the excess right of way. Gremmer and Associates were asked to prepare a proposal for the survey related work to establish a normal right of way for the relocated roadway and to identify the excess land and prepare legal descriptions for the properties. Mr. Dreblow stated that a previous opinion from Corporation Counsel Kenealy allows negotiation directly with the abutting landowner, reach an agreement on a price and then have County Board approve the sale.

Mr. Dreblow stated that the proposal from Gremmer and Assoc. is for \$6,900 for field locating any existing utilities located on the property and preparation of a plat of survey and legal descrip-

tion. There could be extra costs if there are any new utility easements as it requires a separate document which goes beyond the scope of the proposal.

Motion made by Supervisor Grosklaus, seconded by Supervisor Uselding to approve the proposal with Gremmer and Associates for \$6,900. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (5-0)

Facilities Management Items Continued:

Discussion Regarding Public Defender Office Location:

Mr. Meaux explained that the Public Defender rents space in the basement of the Historic Courthouse. The lease is due to expire in March of 2008. The annual rent is \$4,000. Last year when the lease was renewed Mr. Meaux discussed with the Facility Manager the need to move this office into the Justice Center as that is where the courts are located and it is a secured building. Another reason for the move would be the need for storage for the Aging & Disability Resource Center. The request today is to terminate the lease and offer space at the Justice Center. Discussion.

Motion made by Supervisor Uselding, seconded by Supervisor Rothstein to give authority for the County Administrator to not renew the lease with the Public Defender and the ability to renegotiate terms of a new lease in a different location. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (5-0)

Planning & Parks Items Continued:

Management/Financial Reports:

Mr. Struck reported that \$3,500 of gift cards were sold for the golf courses in the month of December. That was a substantial increase from the previous year.

Mr. Struck further reported that the caretaker at Waubedonia Park is open to the consideration to moving to the Shady Lane property. Discussion on the property use. The consensus of the committee is for the Planning & Parks Director to give six months written notice to the current tenants at the Shady Lane property.

Chairperson Kaul presented Ron Moths with a commendation plaque for his retirement after 15 years of service with the County. The committee extended their congratulations.

Mr. Struck stated that the Homestead High School students, who presented a program on the bluff erosion at Virmond Park, would like to return to present a proposal. The consensus of the committee is to have them return.

Mr. Struck reported that work is progressing on the waste bunker at Mee-Kwon. The restoration will be finalized in early spring.

Mr. Struck stated that they are working on the signs for the Trailside Birding Guide.

Authorize County Surveyor Attendance at WSLs 2008 Surveyors' Institute, Feb. 6-8, Wisconsin Dells, WI: Motion made by Supervisor Uselding, seconded by Supervisor Rothstein to approve the attendance of Construction Superintendent Banton at the WSLs 2008 Surveyors' Institute in Wisconsin Dells. All members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Next meeting date: Thursday, January 3 at 8:00 AM

Adjournment: Motion made by Supervisor Grosklaus, seconded by Supervisor Kletti to adjourn. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (5-0).

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM

Julianne B. Winkelhorst, County Clerk