



ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Highways & Parks

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Public Works Committee Meeting – Parks & Highway

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 – 8:00 a.m.

Public Works Department – Committee Room

3715 Newville Road

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Call to Order. Chair Richard called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present. Supervisors Richard, Mawhinney, Mulligan, Rashkin and Yeomans.

Committee Members Absent. None.

Staff Members:

Duane Jorgenson	Director of Public Works
Nick Elmer	Assistant Director of Public Works
John Traynor	Parks Manager
Amy Friend	Community Coordinator
Amy Hartley	Secretary II
Francene St. Michael	Acting Stock Clerk
Robert Buchanan	Heavy Truck Driver
Terri Carlson	Risk Manager
Dave Homan	County Board Supervisor

Others Present:

Dean Paynter	Parks Advisory Board
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Approval of Agenda. Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the amended agenda, seconded by Chair Richard. Mr. Jorgenson requested amending the agenda, removing item 6.B.3. and moving item 6.B.4. to 6.B.1. The agenda amendments were unanimously approved. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes Dated February 22, 2022. Supervisor Yeomans moved approval of the minutes dated February 22, 2022, seconded by Supervisor Mulligan. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements. Ms. Hartley read an email from Mr. Wisen dated February 28, 2022, supporting the Parks Resolution - Use of Excess Sales Tax to Cover Shortfall in Funding – Peace Trail Paving Project.

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Mr. Paynter expressed his support and read an email dated March 16, 2022, from Ms. Finn, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Bike Federation, also supporting the Parks Resolution - Use of Excess Sales Tax to Cover Shortfall in Funding – Peace Trail Paving Project.

Mr. Homan expressed his support of the Parks Resolution - Use of Excess Sales Tax to Cover Shortfall in Funding – Peace Trail Paving Project.

Mr. Jorgenson discussed rising fuel prices and a potential budget amendment in Fall 2022 to accommodate this. Fuel costs will be monitored throughout the year.

Mr. Jorgenson announced and invited Committee members to a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) town hall event regarding federal funding Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the DPW conference room. Mr. Jorgenson will be discussing and taking questions on the BIL program.

Mr. Jorgenson announced his attendance at the 2022 Spring Commissioners Training afternoon of March 22 and most of the day March 23, 2022.

PARKS BUSINESS

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS

Use of Excess Sales Tax to Cover Shortfall in Funding – Peace Trail Paving Project. Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the Resolution, seconded by Supervisor Mulligan. Mr. Traynor explained the Resolution and answered questions from the Committee. ADOPTED.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS

Recognizing Jeffrey Sartell. Supervisor Yeomans moved approval of the Resolution, seconded by Supervisor Mulligan. Mr. Jorgenson reviewed the Resolution and expressed gratitude and appreciation towards Mr. Sartell's employment with Rock County DPW. ADOPTED.

Designating Work Zone Awareness Week 2022. Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the Resolution, seconded by Supervisor Mulligan. Mr. Jorgenson explained the Resolution and answered questions from the Committee. ADOPTED.

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

ATV Routes on County Highways. Mr. Jorgenson discussed ATV Routes on county highways and answered questions from the Committee.

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Issue Paper – Equipment Replacement Policy. Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the Issue Paper, seconded by Supervisor Mulligan. Mr. Jorgenson explained and distributed handouts regarding the Equipment Replacement Policy. Mr. Jorgenson answered questions from the Committee. Ms. St. Michael explained the data collected. Chair Richard recommended the Committee review the policy annually. ADOPTED.

WisDOT Discretionary Maintenance Agreement - Attenuator. Supervisor Mulligan moved approval of the Agreement, seconded by Supervisor Mawhinney. Mr. Elmer reviewed the Agreement. ADOPTED.

2022 Quarterly Review of Equipment Purchases. Mr. Jorgenson and Mr. Elmer reviewed the purchases. Ms. St. Michael answered questions from the Committee. ADOPTED.

Project Update. Mr. Elmer reviewed project updates.

REVIEW OF PAYMENTS

December 2021 and February 2022 Payments. Mr. Jorgenson answered questions from the Committee. Ms. Carlson explained insurance updates on the November 2021 burglary.

Next Meeting Date and Time.

Parks - Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

Highway - Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

Adjournment. Supervisor Mawhinney moved adjournment at 9:09 a.m., seconded by Supervisor Mulligan. ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Hartley, Secretary II