

## MINUTES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

**Vehicle Maintenance and Storage Facility  
West Bend, WI**

**October 7, 2008  
7:30 A.M.**

Present: Donald Berchem, Joseph Gonnering, Richard Gundrum, and Chairman Daniel Goetz. Also present: Commissioner Ken Pesch and Assistant to the Highway Commissioner Barbara Villwock. Brian Bausch was excused.

Chairman Goetz called the meeting to order and read the affidavit of posting.

A motion was made by Mr. Gonnering and seconded by Mr. Berchem to approve the minutes of the meetings on September 16 and 25, 2008. Motion carried.

The committee discussed the use of cell phones in the Highway Department. Peter German, Director of Human Resources, stated that he plans to have a new county wide cell phone policy in place by the end of the year.

Mr. German indicated that the labor agreement with the Teamster Union has been implemented. The agreement was set forth by an arbitrator on August 3, 2008.

The committee reviewed a picture of an access on CTH NN near the east corner of Little Cedar Lake. The property owner had recently paved the access with Portland cement concrete. He also constructed a vertical concrete retaining wall along the driveway within the right-of-way of CTH NN. The commissioner was directed to write a letter to the property owner requesting that the concrete and wall within the county right-of-way be removed within 30 days.

Representatives from WisDOT and Town of West Bend attended the meeting to discuss the potential jurisdictional transfer of STH 144 between US 41 and CTH K from WisDOT to Washington County and STH 144 between CTH K and STH 33 from WisDOT to the Town of West Bend. The proposed 2035 version of the Washington County Jurisdictional Highway plan calls for the transfer of these sections of STH 144 previously described. WisDOT has a resurfacing project scheduled for this section of road in 2009. The Chairman of the Town of West Bend will address the issue at an upcoming meeting of the town board. WisDOT will submit more information on the programmed STH 144 preventative maintenance project and the last to the highway commissioner. No other action was taken.

Commissioner Pesch informed the committee of an Operational Planning Meeting (OPM) for the STH 145 from STH 74 to STH 167 repaving project. The meeting will be held at the WisDOT office in Waukesha at 10:00 AM on Thursday, October 9, 2008. The project is scheduled for 2011.

The results of the public information meeting held on September 23, 2008, for the STH 175 project were discussed. Mike Murphy, WisDOT, stated that there was opposition to the straightening and realigning of intersections along the project. Construction of this project is now programmed by WisDOT for 2013. The proposed 2035 version of the Washington County Jurisdictional Highway plan calls for the transfer of STH 175 from WisDOT to Washington County.

Commissioner Pesch indicated that at its meeting on September 24, 2008, the Finance Committee had approved the supplemental appropriation for transit operations as requested by the Transportation Committee with a condition that quarterly reports on ridership be provided to the Finance Committee in the future.

The committee discussed the current contract with Riteway Bus for Washington County Commuter Express (WCCE) and the addendums which deal with fuel charges and additional runs to the downtown route. Representatives from Riteway indicated that the additional routes went into effect on Monday, October 6, 2008.

The committee reviewed the comments received at the public information meetings held on September 16 and 25, 2008 regarding the proposed fare increases for WCCE and shared ride taxi operations. A motion was made by Mr. Berchem and seconded by Mr. Gonnering to endorse the fee increase proposed in the 2009 budget for Washington County Commuter Express (WCCE). Motion

carried. A motion was made by Mr. Berchem and seconded by Mr. Gonnering to endorse the fee increase proposed in the 2009 budget for shared ride taxi. Motion failed with Berchem, Gonnering, and Gundrum voting no. A motion was made by Mr. Gundrum and seconded by Mr. Berchem to reduce the proposed 2009 fares for shared ride tax by \$.25 for the elderly and handicapped riders. Motion carried.

Commissioner Pesch expressed his dissatisfaction with the detour signing during the Canadian National Railroad project to repair their crossing of CTH Q in Colgate on September 22-24, 2008.

The committee discussed winter maintenance policies and the status of salt supplies of other municipalities. The commissioner indicated that a town official asked if the highway department would consider selling salt to the Town. The consensus of the committee was to deny any requests for salt at this time since there apparently is salt available on the open market.

A motion was made by Mr. Gundrum and seconded by Mr. Gonnering to move into closed session to discuss the acquisition of a parcel of land for the Richfield Park & Ride lot. Roll call was taken. Mr. Berchem yes, Mr. Gundrum yes, Mr. Gonnering yes, and Chairman Goetz yes.

Upon returning to open session, a motion was made by Mr. Gonnering and seconded by Mr. Berchem to direct the county attorney to submit a response to the owner of Lot 15 in Endeavor Business Park with an offer of an amount not to exceed the price agreed upon in closed session. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed correspondence from the East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium indicating contributions made by the member counties from 2005 to 2008.

A motion was made by Mr. Berchem and seconded by Mr. Gundrum to forward to the full county board for its approval a resolution for the revised relocation order for the CTH Y (Lannon Road) reconstruction project. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Berchem and seconded by Mr. Gonnering to approve vouchers in the amount of \$270,855.8. Motion carried.

Commissioner Pesch indicated that he had issued the following permits:

1. For paving an existing access with concrete to the back of the curb on the north side of CTH K approximately 90 feet east of Sell Street in the Town of Addison
2. To We Energies for installing a new main along the east side of CTH P approximately 114 feet north of Northwest Passage in the Village of Jackson
3. To We Energies for abandoning a service lateral along the north side of CTH D approximately 200 feet east of CTH WW
4. To We Energies for vacuuming a hole to locate a service line along the north side of CTH Q approximately 200 feet east of STH 164 to facilitate the DOT's roundabout construction project
5. To We Energies for vacuuming a hole to locate a service line along the north side of CTH Q approximately 250 feet east of STH 164 to facilitate the DOT's roundabout construction project
6. To Charter Communication for installing fiber optic along the west side of CTH G approximately 204 feet south of CTH I

Commissioner Pesch read a letter from Doug Johnson, Administrative Coordinator, outlining the process of selecting the next Highway Commissioner. Commissioner Pesch announced his intention to not be a candidate for the position of Highway Commissioner for the two-year term, beginning January 2009.

A motion was made by Mr. Berchem and seconded by Mr. Gundrum to adjourn at 12:07 PM. Motion carried.

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Rick Gundrum, Secretary