

MINUTES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

**Government Center, Room 1041
West Bend, WI**

**March 10, 2009
7:30 A.M.**

Present: Brian Bausch, Don Berchem, Joe Gonnering, Rick Gundrum, and Chairman Daniel Goetz. Also present: Highway Commissioner Jon Edgren and Assistant to the Highway Commissioner Barb Villwock.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Bausch and seconded by Mr. Gonnering to approve the minutes of the Transportation Committee meeting on February 17, 2009. Motion carried.

Ms. Villwock indicated that the following permits were issued.

1. To AT&T for a joint trench with CATV to facilitate the roundabout construction on CTH Q in Town of Lisbon
2. To AT&T for vacuuming test holes to locate cable to facilitate intersection reconstruction at CTH P&PV in Town of Polk and Town of Jackson
3. To City of Hartford for boring conduit under CTH N at its intersection with Independence Avenue for electric power cables

Joe Steier, Transit Manager, gave a status report on the Shared Ride Taxi and Washington County Commuter Express Bus (WCCE) programs. Various aspects of the transit operations were discussed including ridership, fuel usage, revenues, and expenses. Representatives from Riteway and Specialized Transportation Services were also present for the discussion. A motion was made by Mr. Gundrum and seconded by Mr. Berchem to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Gonnering and seconded by Mr. Gundrum to award a contract in the amount of \$469,343.07 to Mueller Excavating, the low bid, for the reconstruction of CTH P from Cedar Creek to CTH PV and authorize the commissioner to sign contract documents, including any change orders that do not alter the scope and intent of the project. Motion carried with Mr. Berchem voting no.

The committee discussed a possible donation of a small memorial plaque to veterans for placement in the center of the future roundabout at CTH P and PV. The consensus of the committee was that for safety reasons they would not approve this memorial because it would create a distraction for motorists traveling through the roundabout.

Roy Hartmann, Buyer, and Tom Boden, Shop Superintendent, updated the committee on the status of the repairs to the two Freightliner patrol trucks that were purchased last year.

The committee reviewed a proposed list of additional outlay item requests for 2009 for the Transit System, if Economic Recovery Funds were awarded to Washington County Transit. A motion was made by Mr. Gonnering and seconded by Mr. Gundrum to approve the purchase of the additional outlay items, subject to the receipt of Economic Recovery Funds, and forward the list to the Finance Committee for their approval. Motion carried with Mr. Berchem voting no.

Commissioner Edgren indicated that no official notice has been received yet regarding the approval of projects to be funded through the Economic Recovery Funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Bausch and seconded by Mr. Gonnering to authorize the commissioner to sign the new right-of-way plat for the Richfield Park & Ride Lot in Endeavor Industrial Park. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Bausch and seconded by Mr. Gundrum to move into Closed Session to discuss real estate acquisition issues for the CTH Y reconstruction project. Roll call was taken. Mr. Berchem yes, Mr. Gundrum yes, Mr. Gonnering yes, Mr. Bausch, yes, and Chairman Goetz yes.

Upon returning to open session a motion was made by Mr. Bausch and seconded by Mr. Gundrum to authorize the commissioner and the County Attorney's office to negotiate the sale of a parcel along CTH Y and to settle issues as discussed in Closed Session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Gonnering and seconded by Mr. Bausch to approve vouchers in the amount of \$61,013.25. Motion carried

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee will be held on March 24, 2009, at 8:00 AM in the Vehicle Maintenance and Storage Facility.

Commissioner Edgren indicated that a public information meeting for the STH 33 project from US 41 to CTH Z will be held at the Town of West Bend Hall on March 19, 2009 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

A motion was made by Mr. Bausch and seconded by Mr. Gonnering to adjourn at 8:47 AM. Motion carried.

Rick Gundrum, Secretary