

MINUTES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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

**October 20 2009
8:00 A.M.**

Present: Brian Bausch, Don Berchem, Rick Gundrum, and Chairman Dan Goetz. Also present: Highway Commissioner Jon Edgren. Joe Gonnering was absent.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Berchem and seconded by Mr. Bausch to approve the minutes of the meeting held October 6, 2009. Motion carried.

Doug Johnson, Administrative Coordinator, and Herb Tennes, County Board Chairman, presented information regarding Federal Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds. Discussion was held regarding bond requirements, interest, and potential uses. No action was taken, but the Committee will revisit the topic at the November 17th Committee meeting.

Commissioner Edgren indicated that the following permits were issued:

1. To WeEnergies to upgrade transformer along CTH CC to higher voltage from Shannon Road to Powder Hill
2. To WeEnergies to replace underground service at 1770 CTH CC
3. To WeEnergies to upgrade voltage along CTH NN from Maple Road to CTH G
4. To WeEnergies to upgrade voltage along CTH NN from CTH G to Church Road
5. To WeEnergies to pull new wires through conduit over US 45 to connect service to Pleasant Valley Road

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.

Tim Hayes and Jason Duehring, Hayes Engineering, were present to review the proposed phased layout for the proposed Richfield Park and Ride lot and discuss the estimated construction costs. Commissioner Edgren will present the proposed plan to the Village of Richfield to begin the Village's approval process.

Tom Lanser and Jeff Chvosta, Gremmer & Associates discussed the plans for the proposed reconstruction of CTH H from STH 144 to the Milwaukee River. Mr. Lanser provided information regarding the costs for construction for 50 and 60 mph design speeds for the section of CTH H from Whitewood Drive easterly to about Lover's Lane. A public information meeting will be held on October 28, 2009, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Town of Farmington Town Hall.

Commissioner Edgren notified the Committee of a letter from the Town of Hartford petitioning for county bridge aid for the replacement of a 6-foot oval culvert on North Main Street south of CTH K with a cost of about \$13,000. The project has recently been completed and wasn't included in the 2010 budget. A motion was made by Mr. Gundrum and seconded by Mr. Berchem to recommend approval of the bridge aid request pending Highway Commissioner and County Attorney review. Motion carried.

Commissioner Edgren notified the Committee of a letter from Dina Riesen, a Village of Richfield resident, requesting county support for a Railroad Quiet Zone at CTH Q. A motion was made by Mr. Gundrum and seconded by Mr. Bausch to deny the request. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Gundrum and seconded by Mr. Bausch to approve vouchers in the amount of \$54,303.25. Motion carried.

Commissioner Edgren notified the Committee of an Invasive Species seminar on Thursday, a letter from Highway Commissioners of Southeast Wisconsin to the DOT regarding the Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA), plans for a wetland burn along CTH A in November, upcoming revisions to the County Code to match the Comprehensive plan, and that he'll miss the next Committee meeting while on vacation.

Mr. Gundrum left at 10:05 AM.

Chairman Goetz updated the Committee on the County Radio Project. Mr. Bausch requested to have a discussion regarding the Committee's EWCRC representatives at the next Committee meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Bausch and seconded by Mr. Berchem to adjourn at 10:40 A.M. Motion carried.

Rick Gundrum, Secretary