

MINUTES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

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

**November 17, 2009
8:00 A.M.**

Present: Don Berchem, Joe Gonnering, Rick Gundrum, and Chairman Dan Goetz. Also present: Highway Commissioner Jon Edgren 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. Gundrum to approve the minutes of the meeting held November 3, 2009. Motion carried.

Commissioner Edgren indicated that a permit was issued to a property owner to construct a field entrance onto the north side of CTH A approximately 900 feet east of Trading Post Trail in the Town of Farmington.

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 approve the 2010 transit contracts with Specialized Transport Services, Riteway Bus, and Project Management Solutions, Inc. and forward the contracts onto the county board chair and county clerk for their signatures. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Gonnering and seconded by Mr. Gundrum to approve the Policies and Procedures Manual for Transit Operation. Motion carried.

Commissioner Edgren indicated that the STH 145 jurisdictional transfer agreement between Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Washington County became effective on November 15, 2009. On June 3, 2008, the Transportation Committee designated this section of STH 145 between US 41 and US 45 as "County Trunk Highway FD" when the jurisdictional transfer from WisDOT occurred. Upon completion of the construction by WisDOT the speed limit along this section of roadway was posted as 40 miles per hour. A motion was made by Mr. Gundrum and seconded by Mr. Gonnering to forward to the full county board for their approval an amendment to Section 13.04 (speed limit) of the County Code adding the 40 mile per hour speed limit on County Trunk Highway FD as discussed. Motion carried.

The committee discussed the bid specifications for the patrol trucks to be purchased in 2010. The consensus of the committee was to delay the decision and revisit the issue in January, 2010.

A motion was made by Mr. Gundrum and seconded by Mr. Gonnering to approve vouchers in the amount of \$413,294.26. Motion carried.

Commissioner Edgren indicated that Wisconsin Department of Transportation has proposed to reduce the 2010 Routine Maintenance Agreement by approximately 10-12%. He also stated that the Teamsters Local 200 Union will be entering the mediation phase of the negotiations for the 2009-2011 union contract. The 2010 county budget, which was approved on November 5, 2009 by the County Board of Supervisors, includes a 2010 salary freeze for all highway union employees. The committee discussed the effects these budget issues will have on highway operations for 2010.

Commissioner Edgren indicated that Single Source, Inc. of Brookfield was selected to receive the contract for the CTH H right-of-way acquisition project. Four bids were received and reviewed with Single Source Inc. submitting the low bid.

Commissioner Edgren updated the committee on the status of the CTH Q reconstruction project, the opening of CTH FD, and the CTH A wetland burn project.

A motion was made by Mr. Gonnering and seconded by Mr. Gundrum to adjourn at 10:13 A.M. Motion carried.

Rick Gundrum, Secretary