



GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes – May 2, 2017

Call to Order. Chair Brill called the meeting of the General Services Committee to order at 8:00 A.M., Tuesday, May 2, 2017 in Conference Room N-1, Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Brill, Heidenreich, Homan, Yeomans and Zajac.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Brent Sutherland, Facilities Management Director; Jon Furseth and Dave Froeber, Facilities Superintendents; Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez and Nick Osborne, Assistants to the County Administrator.

Others Present: Supervisors Podzilni and Bostwick; Brian Zobel, UW Colleges – Southwest; Jackie Wood, Don Ryan, Susannah Ryan, Polly Ryan, Lois Smith, Greg Smith, Deborah Thomassen, and Abigail Scieszinski, Courthouse neighbors.

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Yeomans moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Homan. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation. Ms. Wood said the Upper Courthouse Park has significant value to the residents of the City of Janesville and the County of Rock. She said Mr. Don Ryan has written a letter explaining his opinion of why this park is important and encouraged the members to read this document when they receive it. Ms. Wood asked when they would receive assurance that there will not be any building on the park land.

Mr. Ryan said he feels strongly that the loss of any of the park land would be a loss to the County and the neighborhood. He added that in his letter he did not address the security issues at the Courthouse because he has been out of the state and does not know the particulars.

Mr. Greg Smith said this park is part of the Courthouse Hill neighborhood and that we keep this in mind when decisions are made. He added that getting rid of the park would de-value the area.

Chair Brill said part of the problem is that the Courthouse is landlocked and the State is very adamant that changes need to be made to make the Courthouse more secure.

Ms. Thomassen asked what State Statutes and/or laws are being referred to as she has copies of Chapter 68 and the Steps to Best Practices for Court Building Security and handed copies to Mr. Josh Smith. She added that in the Best Practices there is a recommendation for covered parking for certain employees, and also refers to fencing and lighting. She said light pollution would be an issue in the community.

Approval of Minutes. Supervisor Heidenreich moved approval of the minutes of April 18, 2017 as presented, second by Supervisor Zajac. ADOPTED.

Transfer. None.

Review of Payments. The Committee accepted the report.

Resolutions.

Authorizing the Replacement of Three ABB Frequency Drives at the Courthouse

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____ 2017, authorizes a purchase order be issued to Precision Drive and Control Inc. of Monroe, WI in the amount of \$13,360 for the equipment, installation, setup, programming, and commissioning.”

Supervisor Zajac moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Heidenreich.

The Committee discussed how this compares to the Johnson Controls study and the Alliant rebate program. Mr. Sutherland explained about the age of these drives, they are currently failing, and does not feel we can wait to see if we would be able to include them in the program.

ADOPTED.

Contracting for the Construction of a New Medical Examiner’s Garage

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____ 2017 does hereby approve and authorize awarding a contract in the amount of \$471,600 to Paulson Kimbal Construction LLC of Janesville, WI.”

Supervisor Zajac moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Homan.

Mr. Sutherland explained the project. He said the funds used have been carried over from the prior year and he will continue to work with the Medical Examiner’s Office to see if they can get the cost lower.

ADOPTED.

Projects Update. Mr. Sutherland went over the projects with the Committee. He asked if the Committee still wanted to see the closed projects or if it would be okay to remove the 2016 and older completed projects. The Committee agreed to delete any completed projects prior to 2017.

Supervisor Yeomans suggested putting date of completion on the list.

Communications, Announcements and Information. None.

Adjournment. Supervisor Zajac moved adjournment at 8:30 A.M., second by Supervisor Homan. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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