

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Planning, Development & Transportation Committee** was held on Monday, November 28, 2011 in Room 161, Ag & Extension Center – 1150 Bellevue Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Present: Bernie Erickson, Chairman; Norb Dantine, Mike Fleck, Dan Haefs, Dave Kaster
Also Present: Brian Lamers, Dean Haen, John Luetscher

I. **Call Meeting to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bernie Erickson at 6:53 p.m.

II. **Approve/Modify Agenda:**

Motion made by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Fleck to approve the agenda.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of October 24, 2011.

Motion made by Supervisor Fleck, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Review minutes of:

- a. Planning Commission Board of Directors (October 5, 2011).

Motion made by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Fleck to receive and place on file.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Planning Commission

2. Grant Application Review (#11-14): Brownsfields Assessment Grant – Hazardous Substances.

Motion made by Supervisor Haefs, seconded by Supervisor Dantine to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Port and Solid Waste

3. Discussion and Approval of Cat Island Chain Restoration Project.

Port Manager Dean Haen referred to a handout that was provided to the committee re: Cat Island Chain Restoration Project – Project Summary, Financial and Engineering Analysis (Attached – Also can be seen at www.co.brown.wi.us under County Board/Committees General Info). He explained that the County Board had approved a couple grant applications in which they were successful in receiving. In addition, the Cat Island project had been in their budget since 2011 and was passed for 2012. At the risk of losing all their grant money, they had been operating Bay Port as the only Non-Federal CDF confined boat facility in the Country, and they had looked at running this as a county project. They conducted an engineering study and reviewed the Corps cost estimates which were at \$34 million. Foth & Van Dyke estimated it at \$27 million a 26% cost savings. In addition Foth thought there was some value engineering that could be done to save another 10%, roughly another \$2.5 million. They confirmed what the cost structure was and had Schenck and Associates do a financial analysis, a business pro forma. The information provided was the workings of Brown County Finance Department, department staff and Schenck. Haen stated that the risk they identified was minimal. In

simple terms it was based on their financial review, this project will cost cash flow and there are decision points in the future, well in the future until 2062. Haen informed that he was looking for support, Board approval to not partner with the Federal Government. Have the county build it alone and run it like a landfill/disposal facility, and chargeback the Federal Government for the full cost, recovering every cost the county puts into it as well as supplement by paying salary costs, office space, etc. Similar to what they do at Bay Port.

Erickson questioned if they had been taking the dredged material to the Highway Department. Haen stated no, but he believed it would happen.

Motion made by Supervisor Haefs, seconded by Supervisor Fleck for Brown County to pursue independent of the Corp of Engineers construction of the Cat Island Chain Restoration Project.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Highway

4. Budget to Actual for October, 2011.

Motion made by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Haefs to receive and place on file.
MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Resolution re: To Authorize Conveyance of 0.585 Acres of Vacant Land Previously Part of County Highway "GV" Right-of-Way.

Luetscher addressed, he stated it was a vision triangle that the county acquired back in the 1970s so there would be cleared sites between Creamery Road and GV where they merged into each other. This portion of Creamery Road was vacated by Ledgeview in 2000 and hasn't been used as a road for over 10 years. Once that happened the need for vision triangle was no longer present. There was no purpose for this half acre of land. Coincidentally they got involved in condemnation litigation with the owners of Willem's Landscaping that got resolved in October shortly before trial. As part of the settlement they agreed to give them this land as partial consideration along with \$80,000 cash. They objected to what the county had given them and they sued and the settlement was \$300,000 for about nine tenths an acre of land. The land portion of the deal was a win win for the county as the land had no value to county. It couldn't be sold on the open market. Luetscher understood that because of the zoning in Ledgeview it couldn't be developed for anything. This resolution came before the committee because only the County Board could convey real estate.

Haefs questioned what would happen if they voted no, Luetscher responded that the county could possibly pay more money.

Motion made by Supervisor Haefs, seconded by Supervisor Dantine to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Director's Report.

Highway Commission Brian Lamers reported that there were no over 12 hour shifts to report and he informed that they completed X, which was the last project.

Dantine questioned if Chapter 4 was done. He noted that at their last meeting highway employees brought forward concerns with regard to Chapter 4. Erickson responded that those questions/concerns were being brought to the December Executive Committee meeting. Luetscher stated that when Chapter 4 was enacted there was a statement that if there were parts that didn't work they were open to discuss changing it. It was a living document. Luetscher felt taking it to Executive or to Board Attorney Fred Mohr was the way to go. Kaster felt that they would have to

present some special circumstances rather than just explain that they don't like Chapter 4 before any talk of change.

Haefs felt things had to be worked out but felt that the way Chapter 4 was written it gave managers the opportunity to manage and be fair. He felt it would work out. Lamers questioned how you go through a list and call in people when needed for emergency situations. That's his greatest fear, that those employees they will say no. Haefs informed that the way it's handled at his work is that they generally rotate whose on-call each weekend to be fair, that's just part of the job. The point wasn't to have someone come back to say they saved a ton of money by doing this, it's not the point, they are trying to take the unfairness out of it. He felt a lot of these issues were entitlements.

Kaster stated that their last meeting there was a complaint that if they took off during the week and then were called in they wouldn't get overtime until they put in 40 hours. He stated that at any company you can't count days off and then come in and work and get overtime.

Motion made by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Airport

7. Budget Status Financial Report for October 31, 2011.

Register of Deeds

8. Budget Status Financial Report for October, 2011.

Motion made by Supervisor Kaster, seconded by Supervisor Dantine to receive and place on file items 7 and 8 together. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Other:

9. **Audit of Bills:**

Motion made by Supervisor Fleck seconded by Supervisor Haefs to pay the bills. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

22. **Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:**

Chair Erickson requested that a memo go out to all Land Con and PD&T Department Heads stating that if there is nothing important to bring forward December meeting will be cancelled.

Motion made by Supervisor Dantine, seconded by Supervisor Haefs to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Alicia A. Loehlein
Recording Secretary