

Portage County, Wisconsin
Finance, Space & Properties, and Capital Improvements/Economic Development Committees
May 8, 2019

Members Present: Jeanne Dodge, Jim Gifford, Larry Raikowski, Dave Ladick, Dennis Raabe, Donald Jankowski, Mike Splinter, Dave Medin, Al Haga, Barry Jacowski

Excused: None

Absent: None

Also Present: Jenni Jossie, Chris Holman, Calvin Winters, Todd Neuenfeldt, Nathan Check, Corey Giese, Dave Ray, Deb Aldridge, Mindy McCord, Bob Prell

Call to Order

Capital Improvements/Economic Development Committee called to order at 3:30 by A. Haga. All committee members are present.

Finance Committee called to order at 3:30 p.m. by J. Dodge. All committee members are present.

Space & Properties Committee called to order at 3:30 by J. Dodge. All committee members are present.

Public Notice

No one registered for public comment.

Discussion and Possible Action regarding Resolution Authorizing and Ratifying a Contract for the Portage County Highway Department Addition and Renovation Project

Capital Improvements/Economic Development Committee – Motion by B. Jacowski to approve resolution and forward to County Board, seconded by D. Jankowski.

Finance Committee – Motion by J. Gifford to approve resolution and forward to County Board, seconded by D. Ladick.

Space & Properties Committee – Motion by D. Jankowski to approve resolution and forward to County Board, seconded by M. Splinter.

Finance Committee - Motion by D. Ladick to amend the resolution to include the Alternate #1 Option for the additional Bay and include Alternate #3 Option to remove the Asphalt, seconded by J. Gifford. Further amendment to the amendment, motion by D. Ladick to remove the Alternate #3 Option from the previous amendment and only include Alternate #1 in the amendment, seconded by J. Gifford. Motion carried on the amendment to the amendment. Motion carried on the amendment (4-1 D. Raabe).

Discussion by the Committee members and staff included adding the alternate options for #1 addition of Bay and #3 Asphalt removal; planning and priorities of the highway department for the project; option of doing certain aspects of the work with highway staff, such as paving; staying within the project budget; appropriate amount of contingency funding; alternative options for financing the alternate options; how the financing works for highway; appreciation towards staff for trying to be considerate and stay within budget; importance of adding additional space now instead of later.

Discussion relating to the budget impact of adding the Alternate Option #1, staff indicated there is not a plan yet of how to finance the additional \$300,000 and staff would research recommendations to bring back to a committee meeting/board meeting with how to address the gap.

Space & Properties Committee – Motion by D. Medin to amend the resolution to include the Alternate #1 Option for the additional Bay, seconded by D. Jankowski. Motion carried on the amendment (4-1 D. Raabe).

Capital Improvements/Economic Development Committee – Motion by B. Jacowski to amend the resolution to include the Alternate #1 Option for the additional Bay, seconded by L. Raikowski. Motion carried on the amendment.

Capital Improvements/Economic Development Committee - Motion carried.
Finance Committee - Motion carried (4-1 D. Raabe).
Space & Properties - Motion carried (4-1 D. Raabe).

Discussion and Possible Action regarding Resolution Authorizing a Change in the Scope of Work for BWBR/Dewberry to Include the Concept Development of 20-25 Acres of Greenspace in East Park Commerce Center

Capital Improvements/Economic Development Committee – Motion by L. Raikowski to approve resolution and forward to County Board, seconded by B. Jacowski.
Space & Properties Committee – Motion by D. Jankowski to approve resolution and forward to County Board, seconded by M. Splinter.
Finance Committee – Motion by J. Gifford to approve resolution and forward to County Board, seconded by D. Ladick.

Discussion included appreciation for taking the time and trying to sort out all the County's options; the intent in trying to give all the facts so the County can make an informed decision; what information or product would come from approval of this resolution and what level of detail.

Discussion raised by D. Medin to remove the references to the land swap discussion with the City of Stevens Point from the language of the resolution. D. Medin provided a history of the various buildings and property values – also indicating he has determined the County is giving up more property/land than it will get in return. County Executive Holman asked if Supervisor Medin would share the information and citations, and Supervisor Medin declined. County Executive Holman stressed the importance for the County to have the same set of facts as we move forward discussing this project and questioned the factual nature of what was shared. It is important for the County to be working from the same information and staff is more than happy to sit down and put the information together but information should be coming from the same source and vetted before being discussed in meetings and debated. The Committee discussed alternative language.

Finance Committee – Motion by J. Gifford to amend the resolution to remove language references to the swap of facilities between the City and the County, seconded by D. Raabe. Motion carried on the amendment.
Space & Properties Committee – Motion by D. Jankowski to amend the resolution to remove language references to the swap of facilities between the City and the County, seconded by M. Splinter. Motion carried on the amendment.
Capital Improvements/Economic Development Committee – Motion by B. Jacowski to amend the resolution to remove language references to the swap of facilities between the City and the County, seconded by L. Raikowski. Motion carried on the amendment.

Capital Improvements/Economic Development - Motion carried.
Finance Committee - Motion carried.
Space & Properties - Motion carried.

Adjourn

Meetings adjourned by call of the Chairs for Finance, Space & Properties, and Capital Improvement/Economic Development Committees.