



Minutes

SPACE & PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE:	Tuesday, August 6, 2019
MEETING TIME:	4:30 PM
MEETING LOCATION:	Portage County Annex Conference Room 1&2, 1462 Strongs Avenue, Stevens Point, WI 54481
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jeanne Dodge, Dave Medin, Don Jankowski, Dennis Raabe, and Mike Splinter were in attendance.
CALL TO ORDER:	Meeting was called to order by Dodge at 4:30 p.m.
ROLL CALL:	Revealed a quorum.
APPROVAL: Meeting Minutes for July 1, 2019	Motion to approve minutes by Splinter. Seconded by Raabe. Motion carried with unanimous voice vote.
DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for special meeting attendance • Approval of attendance of special meetings • Special meeting attendance report 	No Action taken. No green sheets submitted.
DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Appraisals and Disposition of Tax Deed Parcels.	Motion by Raabe to set the minimum bid at the current assessed value with a minimum bid of \$100.00. Jacklin, \$100.00; Fisher, \$200.00; Schroeder, \$7200.00; Portage County, \$100.00. Seconded by Splinter. Motion carried with unanimous voice vote. Motion by Splinter to hire an appraiser for all other parcels with an assessed value of \$10,000.00 or more. We will discontinue the sealed bids with all parcels going to Wisconsin Surplus online. Seconded by Medin. Motion carried with unanimous voice vote.
DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION: Request for rental of 20 acres of tax deed H2O property parcel 173-23-0826-15.02 and 40.04 acres on parcel 173-23-0825-13 to plant crops from Joe Sankey of Plover through Planning and Zoning for a 3-5 year period. Map is attached.	Motion by Medin to make an agreement to lease farm land. County Executive Holman to research current market price of non-irrigated farm land with option to renew for up to 5 years. Staff will work with Corporation Counsel to draft an agreement. The proposed lease will void when Portage County terminates ownership.
COUNTY EXECUTIVE REPORT: Building Update	Space & Properties Meeting Notes August 6 th , 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 13-10 vote effectively stalls the conversation, as the board needs 19 people to agree to a starting point/framework. No action has been taken in the wake of the 13-10 vote because that would be foolish and wasteful given that the board does not have a strong sense of what it wants to do. I would characterize this as a board issue, and staff and I are here to assist the board move the conversation in the direction they want it to head in.

Since the June meeting, I have met with many in the public on this topic who have been on all sides of the issue.

- 2) Still a clear need for dialogue between staff and supervisors, between supervisors, and between the county and the public on issues and concerns, so I'm looking at ways to better create that.
- 3) Looking into the Committee of the Whole option to help facilitate board discussion.
Rule 55 in Roberts Rules.
- 4) Agree/Disagree approach. For example: Do we agree that we need to do something about county infrastructure? Do we agree that the safety of inmates, jailers, and the general public are major concerns for the conversations around the jail and courthouse? Do we agree that transportation is a key consideration? Etc. This is aiming at trying to determine the framework for the conversation to provide a more stable point to move forward from.
- 5) Has to be said. There no 100% safe option, but we do know about safety issues. If we don't resolve those, we are not helping to mitigate any risk to the public or county employees and we increase our liability for not if but when something serious occurs. Liability is a cold, bureaucratic way to look at some of this, but the county could find itself in a very bad fiscal situation if we do not address safety concerns and end up on the wrong side of a lawsuit or lawsuits because our approach is reactionary and not proactive. This is similar to the Adams County case (\$10-\$15 million depending).
- 6) Policy considerations that have been brought up about the jail and other issues are not unimportant, but the conversation could enjoy a sort of reset because policy decisions can change with new boards, new sheriffs, new judges, etc. The fundamental questions about the CORE issues have more to do with the fundamentals. For example, if you know you need a new car that is a primary motivation for the work you put into getting one. The color of the car is important, but it should also not keep you from getting the car that meets your needs, cost expectations, and other fundamental considerations. Maybe the car you need doesn't come in the color you want (or it does and a newly elected X decides to paint it a different color).

Transportation, for example. Can we agree that it's important and then move forward knowing that we need to incorporate that into the plan, or do we need to shift the conversation to the point where we are now talking about how long it takes someone to be transported by the bus routes currently in place? Presumably, if transportation is important, the board would incorporate that into the plan.

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Todd Neuenfeldt
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FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

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	<p>7) There is a long list of infrastructure problems that have waited for a board decision and many of those problems have worsened. If we simply continue to talk in the abstract about these bigger questions of the day for this and the next board, I will start to bring those problems to this committee to address since we're putting people into untenable situations. That means we'll be spending a lot of money on current infrastructure on top of needs that can wait no longer like a new Data Center and those will be large projects in their own right. To be clear, that is ok if we end up there, but I want to make this clear to the committee. I personally don't see inaction as an option, but the decisions on any aspect of this are for the committee(s) and the county board to make.</p>
DIRECTOR'S REPORT:	<p>Storm Cleanup: Two trees down at the Health Care Center. One tree down in the green space of 1039 Ellis. Branches and debris clean up at all buildings. Review Generator policy for all buildings. Discuss policy for an extended power outage.</p>
NEXT MEETING DATE:	Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in Annex Conference Room 1&2.
ADJOURNMENT	Motion by to adjourn by Splinter. Seconded by Raabe. Motion carried with unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.
MINUTES PREPARED BY	Todd Neuenfeldt/da