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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSIT

Wednesday, May 12, 2010 - 9:00 A.M.

General Mitchell International Airport

In the Sijan/Lovell Rooms

MINUTES

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

PRESENT: Supervisors Borkowski, Weishan, Cesarz, Dimitrijevic*, Thomas* and Mayo (Chair)

*Supervisors Dimitrijevic and Thomas were not present at roll call but appeared shortly thereafter.

Audit

1. 10-135 A. A report back from the Director of Audits, on an adopted resolution creating a Residency Contracting Workgroup to develop recommendations on the implementation of strategies to achieve Milwaukee County's 50 percent residency contracting goal for public works construction projects **(Also considered by Committee on Economic and Community Development) (INFORMATIONAL UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE.)**
 - (a)

The Committee considered Part A and B together.

- B. A report back from the from the Residency Contacting Workgroup, on an adopted resolution creating a Residency Contracting Workgroup to develop recommendations on the implementation of strategies to achieve Milwaukee County's 50 percent residency contracting goal for public works construction projects. **(Also considered by Committee Economic and Community Development) (INFORMATIONAL)**

APPEARANCE:

Jerry Heer, Director of Audits

Mr. Heer explained how this policy was created in 1995. Enforcement of the policy started to decline over time due to economic conditions. A memo from a previous Director of Transportation, and Public Works requested a hold on the policy but no approval by the Board can be found. Over time there was a continued lapse in policy. In 2010, a few Supervisors requested a review and enforcement of this policy.

The Workgroup is in the process of reviewing the policy and plans to make recommendations to the Committee in the June cycle. Suggestions include having

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

the wording become standard on contracts with penalties for noncompliance.

Mr. Heer thanked the other members of the workgroup consisting of John Schapekahm, Steve Kreklow, Steve Cady and Jack Takerian for their support and dedication.

The Committee took no action on these informational reports.

Transit - 3

2. 08-86 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works and the Managing
(a)(a) Director of the Milwaukee County Transit System, requesting authorization to modify service to Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) North (Route 49U), effective with the Fall 2010 semester.

APPEARANCE:

Anita Gulotta-Connelly, Managing Director, Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS)

MOTION BY: (Borkowski) Approve. (Vote 5-0)

AYES: Borkowski, Weishan, Cesarz, Dimitrijevic, and Mayo (Chair)-5

NOES: -0

EXCUSED: - Thomas -1

3. 10-T10 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works and the Managing
Director of the Milwaukee County Transit System, a report on the elimination of Route 8 bus service (Quad/Graphics Sussex-Pewaukee). **(INFORMATIONAL)**

APPEARANCE:

Anita Gulotta-Connelly, Managing Director, MCTS

Ms. Connelly informed the Committee that Quad/Graphics would stop funding this route July 1, 2010. With no other means of funding available in the Transit budget, this route will be eliminated effective June 26, 2010.

The Committee took no action on this informational report.

4. 10-T11 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works and the Managing
Director of the Milwaukee County Transit System, a report on the disposition of trolley replica busses. **(INFORMATIONAL)**

APPEARANCE:

Anita Gulotta-Connelly, Managing Director, MCTS

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

The trolleys were purchased with Federal CMAQ money and have been owned by Milwaukee County for over 10 years. Six trolleys were sold previously. The four remaining trolleys will be available for sale with any proceeds being used for future capital needs.

The Committee took no action on this informational report.

Public Works – 4

5. 10-105
(a) A report back on an adopted resolution, requesting authorization to apply for and accept a Wisconsin Community Development Block Grant Supplemental Disaster allocation Emergency Assistance Program for Floodplain Mapping Improvements. **(Report in response to a request from Supervisor Thomas from 3/3/10 on staffing plans using temporary staff.) (INFORMATIONAL)**

APPEARANCES:

Greg High, Director, Architecture Engineering & Environmental Services (AE&ES)
Jack Takerian, Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works (DTPW)
Gary Drent, Fiscal and Budget Manager, DTPW

This item was temporarily laid over and considered out of order after Item #10.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the use of temporary service and the calculations used to weigh the revenue generated by the Department. It is the Department's preference, when conditions warrant, to use temporary services over consultants. Temporary help generates revenues for Milwaukee County, whereas consultants don't.

Supervisors feel that it would benefit Milwaukee County more to have full time employees at a pay rate the market would support with benefits, than have temporary help with comparable costs.

The Department noted that with the use of temporary help there is no vacation, personal time, sick time or health benefits associated to the position. Additionally, there is more flexibility with temporary help wherein the position can be used on an as needed basis.

The Committee took no action on this informational report.

6. 10-107
(a) A report back on an adopted amended resolution that requested endorsement of a corrective action to implement a supplemental furlough program for certain employees. **(Report related to DTPW Employees) (INFORMATIONAL)**

APPEARANCE:

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Jack Takerian, Interim Director, DTPW

Mr. Takerian explained this report was compiled shortly after the announcement of the additional ten furlough days. The departments are reaching their goals of using the additional furlough days in a timely manner. There has been use of overtime to bridge the gap when one employee is on a furlough day and another employee is sick or on a personal day.

Supervisor Borkowski noted the report was riddled with the need to use overtime in each area. He also lacks confidence in projected savings with the use of overtime to staff furlough off time.

An additional concern was voiced for the need of a Countywide audit on overtime due to the use of furlough days. With employees off more, the potential for a ripple effect regarding contract management and fiscal monitoring, could affect payments to small contractors and put pressure on stimulus projects.

The Committee took no action on this informational report.

7. 10-T12 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, a report on the diversity of all Transportation, Public Work's employees. **(INFORMATIONAL)**

APPEARANCE:

Jack Takerian, Interim Director, DTPW

Mr. Takerian gave a brief overview of the report broken down by represented and non-represented positions. The report included a further breakdown by ethnicity.

Mr. Takerian will provide the Committee members with the makeup of the entire department on a male/female basis.

The Committee took no action on this informational report.

8. 10-T13 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, a report on National Public Works week. **(INFORMATIONAL)**

APPEARANCES:

Faye Roberts, Assistant Director, DTPW

Brian Dranzik, Budget and Policy Administrator, DTPW

Jason Gates, Director, Risk Management

Vance Forrest, County Mutual Insurance Co.

This item was considered out of order after Item #1A & B.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Mr. Forrest spoke to the Committee regarding the progress of the “Roadeo”. Over the last four years participation has grown. There were 160 drivers participating in Wednesday’s events.

Mr. Gates emphasized how the “Roadeo” is an opportunity for proactive training and safety.

The Department spent time at some area schools informing grades 3 through 6 what functions Public Work’s employees perform and promoting future careers within public work. Mr. Dranzik and Ms. Roberts presented artwork from the Milwaukee Academy of Science, Milwaukee French Immersion School, Hi-Mount Elementary School and Sherman Multicultural Arts School depicting what public Works means to them. This artwork will be put on display in the County Board’s lobby for a short time and later presented back to each school for their classroom.

The Committee took no action on this informational report.

Confirmation - 1

9. 10-191 From the County Executive appointing Mr. Jack Takerian to the position of Director of Transportation, Public Works and Transit.

APPEARANCE:

Tom Nardelli, County Executive, Chief of Staff

Mr. Nardelli presented Mr. Takerian to the Committee for the position of Director. He went on to explain how Mr. Takerian has been performing the duties of this job for approximately 19 months. Additionally, he provided a brief background of the nationwide search for the position and the re-issuance of the search once the requirement of a Professional Engineer was lifted.

Mr. Takerian provided brief comments to the Committee.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the search process and the ultimate results of the search. The Committee asked Mr. Nardelli to provide them with this information.

MOTION BY: (Borkowski) Approve.

MOTION BY: (Weishan) Lay over to the call of the Chair. (Vote 2-3)

AYES: Weishan and Dimitrijevic -2

NOES: - Borkowski, Cesarz and Mayo (Chair) -3

EXCUSED: Thomas –1

Motion failed

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

MOTION BY: (Dimitrijevic) Lay over. (Vote 2-3)

AYES: Weishan, Dimitrijevic and Thomas -3

NOES: - Borkowski, Cesarz and Mayo (Chair) -3

Motion failed

MOTION BY: (Borkowski) Approve. (Vote 4-2)

AYES: Borkowski, Cesarz, Thomas and Mayo (Chair) -4

NOES: Weishan and Dimitrijevic -2

Fund Transfers

10. 10-1 A summary of fund transfers being presented to the Finance and Audit Committee.
(INFORMATIONAL)

The Committee took no action on this informational report.

Presentation - 1

11. 10-T14 A presentation from Gateway to Milwaukee on their vision and goals for an Aerotropolis. **(10 minute presentation) (INFORMATIONAL)**

APPEARANCES:

Tom Rave, Gateway to Milwaukee County

Alderman Terry Witkowski, City of Milwaukee, District #13

Supervisor Patricia Jursik, District #8

Supervisor Chris Larson, District #14

Mr. Rave gave the Committee background information for an initiative to create an Aerotropolis in Milwaukee. Meetings dating back to 2008 have been ongoing. Members include a cross section of public and private entities. The goal is to become a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that will reduce the burden of government. The goals are to retain and attract businesses and jobs by offering accessible interrelated and efficient transportation in a commercial hub. With the support of local government, business and the public, a plan can be formulated to have the physical infrastructure right here to unite shipping, highways, rail and air traffic into the Gateway Aerotropolis.

At this time the following communities have joined and support this initiative; the City of Milwaukee, St. Francis, Cudahy, South Milwaukee, Oak Creek, Greendale and Greenfield.

Supervisors Jursik and Larson will be presenting the Committee with a resolution in June for its consideration to become a part of the Aerotropolis.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

The Committee took no action on this informational report.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Airport - 5

12. 10-192 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization for the lease of land with Midwest fiber Networks, LLC (MWFN) to install and maintain underground conduit and fiber cable at General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA) for a five year term, with an option to extend the lease for an additional five years, effective on the date of installation.

Items 12 and 13 were considered together. See Item #13 for the Committee actions.

13. 10-190 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, requesting authorization to enter into a new agreement with Pacific Telemanagement Services (PTS) for the right to operate a public pay telephone concession and long distance phone service in the terminal building at General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA).

APPEARANCES:

Barry Bateman, Director, General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA)
Freida Webb, Director, Community Development Business Partners (CBDP)

Ms. Webb clarified the DBE component related to this contract.

MOTION BY: (Dimitrijevic) Approve Items 12 & 13 together. (Vote 6-0)

AYES: Borkowski, Weishan, Cesarz, Dimitrijevic, Thomas and Mayo (Chair)-6

NOES: -0

14. 06-395 **Adopted 2007 Budget Amendment (1B027)** directing the Airport Director to submit semi-annual capital improvement project status reports to the Committees on Finance and Audit and Transportation, Public Works and Transit beginning in April 2008. **(INFORMATIONAL)**

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APPEARANCES:

Barry Bateman, Director, GMIA
Tom Heller, Fiscal and Budget Manager, GMIA

The Committee took no action on this informational report.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85 (1)(e) and (g), the Committee may adjourn into closed session for the purpose of receiving oral or written advice from legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to pending or possible litigation with regard to the following matter(s). At the conclusion of the closed session, the Committee may reconvene in open session to take whatever actions it may deem necessary:

- 15. 10-T01 From the Interim Director of Transportation and Public Works, a report on the negotiations for a new master lease agreement with the airlines serving General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA). **(INFORMATIONAL)**

APPEARANCES:

Barry Bateman, Director, General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA)
John Sorenson, Unisom

MOTION BY: (Borkowski) Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85 (1)(e) and (g), the Committee may adjourn into closed session for the purpose of discussing Items 15 and 16. At the conclusion of the closed session, the Committee may reconvene into open session to take whatever action it deems necessary on the aforementioned items. (Vote 6-0)

AYES: Borkowski, Weishan, Cesarz, Dimitrijevic, Thomas and Mayo (Chair)-6
NOES: -0

- 16. 09-T02 From the Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works, regarding Sterling Aviation. **(INFORMATIONAL)**

APPEARANCES:

Barry Bateman, Director, General Mitchell International Airport (GMIA)
Tim Karaskiewicz, Principal Assistant, Corporation Counsel

The Committee convened into closed session at approximately 11:15 a.m. The Committee did not reconvene back into open session.

Public Works – 1

- 17. 10-T15 From the Interim Director, DTPW, report on background checks for housekeeping and security contracts within Facilities Management. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE) (Also to be considered by the Committee on Finance and Audit)**

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

APPEARANCES:

Jack Takerian, Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works (DTPW)
Mark Schaefer, G4S Wackehut (Available for questions)

This item was considered out of order after Item #14.

Mr. Takerian informed the Committee of the current process regarding all candidates for housekeeping and security. Background checks are performed on all prospective employees. An employee is not cleared to work for Milwaukee County until the Department receives clearance from the District Attorney's Office.

Wackenhut is in the process of replacing their original temporary staff that originated from other states with recently trained permanent staff that reflects a mix of local hires.

The Committee took no action on this informational report.

Staff Present:

Mr. Jerry Heer, Director of Audits
Ms. Anita Gulotta-Connelly, Managing Director, MCTS
Mr. Greg High, Director, (AE&ES)
Mr. Jack Takerian, Interim Director, Transportation and Public Works (DTPW)
Mr. Gary Drent, Fiscal and Budget Manager, DTPW
Ms. Faye Roberts, Assistant Director, DTPW
Mr. Jason Gates, Director, Risk Management
Mr. Tom Nardelli, County Executive, Chief of Staff
Mr. Barry Bateman, Airport Director GMIA
Ms. Frieda Webb, Director, CBDP
Mr. Tom Heller, Fiscal and Budget Manager, GMIA
Mr. Tim Karaskiewicz, Principal Assistant, Corporation Counsel
Mr. Josh Fudge, Fiscal and Budget Analyst, DAS
Mr. Martin Weddle, Research Analyst, County Board

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

This meeting was recorded. Committee files contain copies of the subject reports, communications, resolutions, and ordinances, which may be reviewed upon request to the Chief Committee Clerk. The official copy of these minutes is available in the County Board Committee Services Division.

Length of meeting approximately: 9:05 a.m. until 11:40 a.m.

Carol Mueller

Committee Clerk

DEADLINE FOR TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSIT COMMITTEE

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