

RACINE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019 - SUMMARY MINUTES

Conference Room behind County Board Chambers
Ives Groves Office Complex
14200 Washington Avenue
Sturtevant, WI 53177

Committee Present: Robert Grove, Monte G. Osterman, Tom Kramer, Nick Demske, Fabi Maldonado, Mike Dawson

Committee Excused: Tom Hincz

**Youth in Governance
Representatives:** Achyut Krishnan, Mackenzie Geschke

Staff Present: Julie Anderson, Public Works & Development Services Director

Also Present: Michael Lanzdorf, Corporation Counsel
Rusty Clark, County Board Chairman
M.T. Boyle, Chief of Staff

1. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chairman Robert Grove.

2. Resolution by the Public Works, Parks and Facilities Committee authorizing relocation and acquisition of right-of-way for a highway project for CTH "KR"

Anderson and Lanzdorf presented this item. They explained that this is the first formal County step in the process to allow the project to widen CTH "KR". WisDOT is the lead on this project, and they are funding the design and construction. Racine County, however, must pay to acquire the right-of-way needed for the project. This will involve the purchase of at least five (5) homes as identified by the WisDOT engineering design team. Racine County budgeted \$1.25 million in the 2019 budget to begin right-of-way acquisitions. It is expected that additional money will be requested in the 2020 budget to complete all acquisitions, as well as to pay for compensable utility costs (unknown at this time). Further, it was made clear to the Committee that the County has retained real estate professionals and appraisers to handle the right-of-way acquisition for this project. This team previously worked with the Village of Mount Pleasant. The County needs to adopt the right-of-way plat by way of a resolution. Kenosha County will be following this same process. Once the resolutions are adopted, then the right-of way plat and road relocation order must be approved by the Wisconsin Department of Administration. After that step, the plat is recorded in the Register of Deeds Office and right-of-way acquisition negotiations may begin. This can be a lengthy process, but the professional team hired to handle this task is very experienced in all aspects of right-of-way acquisitions. More discussion followed relative to eminent domain and if, or when, that might be needed. Eminent domain is a final resort if all other good faith negotiations have failed. Staff explained that the property owners along this highway route and project area have been fully informed and have met with WisDOT staff about various questions relative to the project design over the past 8 months or thereabouts. Staff reiterated that in order to keep the process moving forward, first reading of the resolution is requested at the February 26, 2019, County Board meeting, with a second reading and vote on March 12, 2019.

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SUPERVISOR DAWSON MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Osterman, to forward a resolution to the County Board for 1st reading on February 26, 2019, with a recommendation to approve.
Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 6/0, YIG VOTE: 2/0

3. Miscellaneous Business

Anderson informed the PWPF Committee that there will be a meeting on March 14, 2019. Lanzdorf also indicated that there will be a special meeting of the Committee before County Board on March 12, 2019.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, **SUPERVISOR OSTERMAN MOVED, seconded by Supervisor Dawson,** to adjourn at 6:32 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously. VOTE: 6/0**