

PROPERTY AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE
December 6, 2005

The meeting of the Property and Insurance Committee was called to order by Chairman Bernie Kasierski on December 6, 2005 at 6:00 PM in the County Boardroom, Green Lake County, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: Bernie Kasierski
 Gene Thom
 Gus Mueller
 Orrin Helmer
 Mike Stoddard

Others Present:
 Marge Bostelmann, County Clerk
 Dave Mendleski, Maintenance Supervisor
 Dan Sondalle, Assistant Corporation Counsel

AGENDA

Motion/second(Stoddard/Mueller) to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/second(Helmer/Mueller) to adopt the minutes of November 1, 2005 as presented. Motion carried.

OPEN BIDS FOR OFFICIAL COUNTY PAPER

Berlin Journal Papers: 2006 \$156/page
 2006 and 2007 \$152 and \$163/ page

Motion/second(Thom/Mueller) to approve the two year bid. Motion carried.

OPEN BID FOR HUBER DORM SHOWER REPAIR

Tile Unlimited \$1200/shower

Mendleski stated that if problems come up with the concrete floor additional funds may be needed to fix the problems.

Motion/second(Thom/Helmer) to accept the bid presented from Tile Unlimited plus unforeseen problem based on the concrete floor. Motion carried

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Courthouse Heating: The traps and controls are to be installed by the end of the week, December 2nd. Kasierski also gave Mendleski information on the controls which will be looked at also.

Safety Building Heating: There were minor motor problems on the motor of the main pump in the

safety building. Those have been fixed.

Huber Dorm Shower Repair: The Huber dorm showers repair will be scheduled for December.

Drain Line at Fish Pond: A broken line at the fishponds has been repaired.

Carpentry work: Daren Schultz worked on eliminating an unused entryway at shop 2 and repairing the doors at the HHS building.

CARP BARRIER DNR AND GREEN LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT

Charlie Marks appeared to explain who would be speaking representing the Sanitary District and DNR and that he hoped to address two issues 1) good science behind the carp barrier and 2) do improvements need to be made to the carp barrier.

Mark Sessing, DNR – Has been working with the water quality of Green Lake since 1980s. Sessing explained the water quality concern from Silver Creek since the 1980s and how the carp barrier has improved water quality.

Scott Provost, DNR –Has seen an increase in the water quality and habitat in Silver Creek because of the carp barrier. He explained how the plants retain the nutrients and keep them from going into the lake.

Dave Bartz, DNR – Discussed the problems that carp in Silver Creek cause to fishing in the Creek. He explained that the carp barrier has helped fish habitat in Silver Creek and fishing in the Creek.

Joel Baranowski – Presented 100 signatures of people in favor of the carp barrier remaining. He also explained that Silver Creek is the primary spawning area for several species of fish.

Lisa Reas – Worked with the Sanitary District on RSVP and with Mark Sessing and Charlie Marks on water quality. The carp trap has reduced shoreline erosion on the shorelines on Silver Creek. She understands that the needs of the private landowners need to be met.

Nancy Hill, GLA – The GLA's main concern is Big Green Lake. They are also concerned with the landowners and the access to the lake through the carp barrier. More attention needs to be paid to the barrier based on the concerns of the landowners. She believes that the Sanitary District is very sincere with the desire to address those needs.

Jerry Specht, President of the Sanitary District – He stated that Charlie Marks acts at the direction of the Sanitary District Board. He gave the history of the research of the types of carp barriers. He stated that they have been lax in responding to the concerns of the citizens. He suggests that a committee be formed between the GLSD, Sunnyside residents and County Board members and come back with a recommendation of how this issue can be addressed and resolved. He acknowledged the concern when the wind is up and the current is strong.

Kasierski stated that he would like to see a committee formed with GLSD members, the Sunnyside Association officers, GLA, representative from DNR and get a plan of action together and report back to this committee.

Charlie Marks stated that he would like to see a committee formed that will work together to resolve the concerns.

Kasierski suggested that Jeff Hoffman the UWEX Resource agent be asked to facilitate a discussion if necessary.

Dave Janetka, property owner – Stated that he heard some disturbing facts that the carp gate is there

for removal of carp, but the removal of carp is not the only issue. He stated that no one will disagree that the removal of carp is good, the question is how many carp. He stated that it is impossible to get a boat through Silver Creek because of the dense weed growth. He stated that the plants produce more peat, and phosphorus. He stated that remodeling of the carp barrier is needed and okay, but the plant problem also need to be addressed. He stated that the Creek needs to be dredged to bring back the navigable waterway. He stated that there needs to be aggressive weed cutting. He does agree with the DNR and GLSD. He also stated that we need to educate the people of Ripon and the farmers on Silver Creek about fertilizers.

Diane Randell, property owner – stated that she is concerned with the aesthetics of the property. It was smelly and looked awful. She hopes that these issues will also be addressed.

Dave Ostrum, property owner – Questioned that statement made that “If the carp gate goes out it will go backward by 10 years”. Marks stated that the Sanitary District has been involved with commercial fishing group to eliminate the number of carp in Silver Creek. Ostrum also question point and non-point pollution sources for phosphorus. Marks stated that the Ripon treatment plant has been upgraded and reduced the point pollution source. And the GLSD has worked with non-point reduction in working with FDL County. **Specht** – believes in pushing for a County ban on fertilizer with phosphorus. Jim Hebbe will be attending a meeting and hoping to work on a Statewide ban on fertilizers with phosphorus. Marks explained that the GLSD has purchased a 40-acre farm on Silver Creek outside Ripon to reduce non-point pollution.

Jim Majatovich – A lot of people are here because of the weed problem. He believes the weed machine could cut a bigger swath in Silver Creek to allow the boats to get through the Creek.

Roland Randel – The weeds will not reduce the phosphorus. Need to put a sign in Ace hardware not to use phosphorus fertilizers. He suggested a dam be constructed above Spaulding bridge or channel Silver Creek to the Puchayn River down Highway 23 from Ripon. Carp barrier is a bad structure and is a safety problem.

Mark Sessing stated that between 1987 to 1996 an annual average of 13,000 pounds of phosphorus entered the lake from Silver Creek.. He also stated that no other lake that he works with has as aggressive individuals working on programs to reduce pollution into the lake.

APPEARANCES:

Dan Steffen – Bostelmann stated that Mr. Steffen will be discussing serving food at Margaret Dodge Memorial Park with the Highway Committee next week and a recommendation will be coming to the P&I Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE None

PHONE SYSTEM COST PROPOSALS

Proposals were submitted by Convergent and CenturyTel. Convergent’s cost is \$98,971.50 with a 7 year warranty on parts and one year on labor. CenturyTel’s cost is \$104,834.70 with a 7 year warranty on parts. Discussion was held

Motion/second(Helmer/Mueller) to accept the proposal Convergent Solutions. Motion carried.

SET TEMPERATURE FOR COUNTY OFFICES

Helmer stated that the governor has stated that no State office will be higher than 68. Some things are being tried now to regulate the heat in the county offices. The county need to cut down on heating costs. After the new devices are put on the heating system the Committee will review the issues.

PURCHASE REQUESTS

IT Department

2 Computer work station	MicronPC	\$1,249.00 ea - recommended
	Dell	\$1,316.00 ea
1 Notebook computers	Sapphire Systems	\$2,630.00
	IBM	\$2,609.00 – recommended

Emergency Management

MDC Radio, Antennas, docking stations, cabling Installation & Hardware	General Communications	\$6,636.00
	Sole vender – State bid	

Health & Human Services

Office Work Module	Scharpf’s	\$2,875
	Sole vender	

Components & labor to reconfigure the W-2 job center and create the Aging Disability Resource Center within existing space.

Scharpf’s	\$2,700
Sole vender	

Equipment for interview room located in GLC safety building. Cost split 50/50 with Sheriff’s Department.

Harkcom	\$600
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Motion/second(Mueller/Thom) to approve the purchases as recommended by the governing committees except the interview room equipment. Motion carried.

Motion/second(Helmer/Mueller) to approve the interview room equipment if it is an upgrade to a current interview room. Motion carried

LONG RANGE PLAN FOR COUNTY FACILITY

Hoffman is interviewing County Board supervisors and will submit a report in January.

Bostelmann received a complaint from Jeff Brown. Mr. Brown came to the courthouse last week and his father could not park their handicapped van in the rear of the courthouse. His father had to stop the van in the back and let him out and then go park the van elsewhere. The handicapped spaces that we

have are not wide enough for a van with a side lift. In the rear of the courthouse are three handicapped marked spaces. Employees use two spaces, so this leaves only one space available for visitors. Mr. Brown also stated that he had a hard time maneuvering in the building with his wheel chair up to the third floor. He also questioned his safety if he were in the building and a fire started or any other type of an emergency happened. Discussion was held. Helmer stated that the elevator situation should be addressed before someone in a wheelchair is hurt. He stated that the hallway from the elevator to the courthouse on the second and third floor involve crossing the stairway landing and maneuvering around automatic doors on the stairway landings.

Motion/second(Thom/Stoddard) to add 2 more handicapped spaces and make one space for a handicapped van only and put up signage to match. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

A resolution from other Counties relating to Assembly Bill 257 and Senate Bill 126 relating to publishing a summary of an ordinance in the paper rather than the entire ordinance as now required by law was sent to the committee. Discussion was held.

Motion/second(Stoddard/Helmer) to draft a resolution for the December County Board. Motion carried.

USE OF COUNTY PROPERTY None

VOUCHERS

Vouchers were presented for \$14,525.51 for purchasing, \$20,576.74 for maintenance. **Motion/second(Stoddard/Mueller)** to approve the vouchers as presented. Motion carried.

CLERKS REPORT

Items were discussed under other agenda items.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Next meeting date: January 3, 2006 at 6:00 PM.

Agenda:

ADJOURNMENT

Motion/second(Stoddard/Mueller) to adjourn at 8:10 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Marge Bostelmann
Secretary