

*WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Facilities & Property Management Committee*

DATE: Wednesday, August 8, 2012

TIME 9:30 AM

PLACE: Tri-County Ice Arena, 700 E. Shady Lane, Neenah, WI 54956

PRESENT: Tim Hamblin, Lawrence Kriescher, Bill Wingren, and Chuck Farrey

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Elder-Facilities & Property Management Director, Nancy Barker – County Board Supervisor District 2, Mark Harris – County Executive, Dave Albrecht – County Board Chair, Jerry Finch – County Board Supervisor District 28, Tom Widener County Board Supervisor District 9, Bob Warnke County Board Supervisor District 21, Susan Locke County Board Supervisor District 26, Bill Roh County Board Supervisor District 7, Paul Kunding – Fox Valley Sports Association, Craig Enger - Fox Valley Sports Association, Patrick Callahan Neenah Hockey Booster Club, Nancy Hacker General Manager Tri-County Ice Arena, Gordon Eckrich President Tri-County Ice Arena Board and Jeff Bollier Oshkosh Northwestern.

ABSENT: Joanne Sievert -excused

Meeting was called to order by District 10, Committee Chairperson, Tim Hamblin at 9:30 AM.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes for the July 11, 2012, Facilities Committee Meeting approved as is. Motion made by Bill Wingren and 2nd Chuck Farrey. Motion passed 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS: Dave Albrecht suggested that a study could be conducted to review the operations of the Courthouse, departments within and provide options for improvements in operations and building use.

Gordon Eckrich opened with background information on the history of the Ice Arena and the relationships between the Counties and the Ice Arena.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION – PURCHASE OF THE OUTAGAMIE COUNTY PORTION OF THE TRI – COUNTY ICE ARENA: The Committee and other attendees were given a tour of the facility by Nancy Hacker and Gordon Eckrich. They explained what events take place at the facility. The condition of the building and equipment was questioned by the Committee. Nancy and Gordon described outstanding issues to be resolved (parking lot and floor heaving). After the tour the meeting regrouped and discussion centered on the pros and cons of the County purchasing the Outagamie share. Mark Harris pointed out that the County Already owns half of the facility and is responsible for it. The county only contributes half of the annual liability insurance. If a significant problem arose the County was still partially responsible. He stated that Outagamie County has not been an active owner for the past several years. They have not signed the management contract with the Tri-County Ice arena Board. Patrick Callahan pointed out the legal issues arising from Outagamie County's position. Mark Harris stated that by purchasing Outagamie's portion Winnebago County would be free to act in the County's best interest without having to negotiate with Outagamie County. Bob Warnke requested that the County Board be provided with 3 years of financial records for the arena. Mark Harris agreed to provide them. Discussion continues with the pros and cons of the purchase. A motion was made by Larry Kriescher to approve the purchase of the Tri-County Ice Arena, with the intent to get this to the whole County Board for discussion, Seconded by Dave Albrecht. Motion Carried 3-2 (Albrecht, Kriescher Hamblin aye; Wingren, Farrey nay)

DISCUSSION OF HEARING LOOP INSTALLATION: Item 9 was requested to be moved ahead of Item 6. Approved by the Committee Chair. Tom Widener discussed the problems he has hearing at meetings in the Human Services Buildings. He has stated that he made the request of Bill Topel for an assistive hearing system be provided to Room 33 at Oshkosh Human Services and Room 10 in Neenah. Mike discussed the issues with solely having a hearing loop in that it only helps those with a T-coil in their hearing aid. Tom stated that earmuffs would be acceptable; people just need something to help hear. A hearing loop would be ideal.

UPDATE OF PARK VIEW ADDITION: The basement walls are completed. Waterproofing and backfilling should be started the week of 8/13. The interior basement floor should be poured also the week of 8/13. Once the floor is done the first floor structure will be erected. Anticipating to be completed by the end of October. Mike is getting quotes for the gardens. Grass is coming in where the old buildings were.

UPDATE LEC ABSORPTION CHILLER PROJECT: All the installation work should be completed. Testing by Solid Waste is expected to begin 8/13

2013 BUDGET REVIEW: Mike provided the Committee and copy of the budget he submitted to the County Executive. He pointed out the budget met the goal the County Executive set but there are still repairs that should occur but can't due to funding. The Committee asked if some of the repairs were being deferred in order to do remodeling/projects for other departments. Mike answered that the projects being accomplished are taking some funds from the repairs but are not great enough to do any of the repairs. Mike pointed out that the repairs to the gray shed and the trailers for 4H were in the budget for next year. .

Mike Elder Report on Department Operations: Mike gave an abbreviated summary of the department operations. He presented the status of the 2012 budget.

Chairman Report: None.

SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING: The next Facilities and Property Management committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12 at 9:30 AM at the Maintenance facility, 1221 Knapp Street, Oshkosh WI, 54902.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn by Chuck Farrey, 2nd by Dave Albrecht at 11:35 am Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Elder
Director, 7/18/12