

MINUTES OF PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Held Wednesday, September 7, 2022

Location: Manitowoc County Heritage Center Building, County Board Room, 1701 Michigan Ave., St, Manitowoc

Present: Supervisors R. Gerroll, D. Klein, D. Weiss, D. Zimmer, K. Sitkiewitz

Absent & Excused:

Other County Board Members Attending: Supervisors K.Behnke, R. Phipps, S. Maresh, T. Martell, Heller, C. Wagner, P. Hansen, M. Linsmeier, J. Falkowski, L. Naidl, N.Meunch

Others Attending: B. Ziegelbauer, J. Gutman, P. Conrad, G. Neuser, C. Breit,

Called to Order The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by the Committee Chairperson Gerroll.

Dome and Facility Improvement Study - Discussion:

County Executive Ziegelbauer was recognized and presented on several aspects of the study and proposed renovation project, specifically that: The Courthouse is an historic building; this is a once-in-a-century project; it is our responsibility to maintain this iconic building; there is no set deadline to move forward on the project but will do so once a consensus is reached by the County Board; all documentation and discussion regarding will be fully transparent; and that the county's low debt service allows this project to be undertaken at this time. Finance Director Gutman then commented on a multi-year borrowing protocol to take advantage of favorable interest rates.

Public Works Director Neuser was recognized and commented on the documents handed out to all present and how the process to renovate the Courthouse exterior components has been a phased plan starting in 2004, with two of three major renovations completed and the current dome and window renovations being the final phase; how the current study was commissioned; and how the cost estimates were derived.

Several County Board Supervisors commented on the project and asked questions of the County Executive and County Staff. After discussion, it was reiterated that this project will move forward when a consensus of the County Board is reached to proceed, or not, with this project.

Adjournment

Motion was made by Weiss, seconded by Klein to adjourn the meeting at 6:25pm. Motion carried unanimously

Minutes taken by Neuser

Signed by Klein