

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: February 7, 2011

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Ken Robl, Highway Committee Chairman
Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member
Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member
David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member
Tim Hamblin, Highway Committee Member
John Haese, Highway Commissioner

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to County Executive
Lt. William Anthes, Winnebago County Sheriff's Dept.
Debbie Last, resident
Larry Last, resident

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2011 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address any agenda items at this time. There was no public input.

The committee discussed the proposed CTH T project, which includes that segment of CTH T from CTH G to the intersection of Pioneer Road in the Town of Clayton. Commissioner Haese reported that to design and reconstruct this 3.3 mile portion of CTH T would cost approximately \$2,368,000.00. Supervisor Egan entered the meeting. Commissioner Haese reported that the WisDOT has the CTH T project in its Local Program. In the program federal funds are available for design and construction of the project. The design costs under the criteria for federal funding are estimated to be approximately \$355,000. This does not include right of way acquisition or construction costs. If the county chose to fund the project 100% utilizing local funds only, the design costs are estimated to be \$125,000 to \$175,000. Commissioner Haese stated that if the committee felt that the design and construction of the project was too costly, another option would be to resurface the existing roadway. The estimated cost to resurface CTH T from CTH G to Pioneer Road is approximately \$700,000 to \$1,000,000. This would include improvement to drainage structures and highway sign replacements. A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht to include this project in the five-year capital improvement plan with the cost of reconstruction or resurfacing the roadway. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Egan and carried 5-0.

Commissioner Haese stated that the Finance Department has posted the most recent Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan (2011-2015) for the supervisor's to review. Mr. Haese stated that he will provide the committee with a revised CIP at a future meeting. The new CIP will be for the 2012 – 2016 time period.

The committee discussed a project related to the approaches on CTH P over STH 441. Commissioner Haese stated it will cost approximately \$20,000 to complete the design work, testing, and prepare bid documents necessary for this project. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve a budget transfer of \$20,000 for the design services on the CTH P structure over STH 441. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Haese distributed a worksheet to the committee members showing how he adjusted the dollar amounts regarding the budget transfers for the CTH FF, F, and MM projects that were approved at the last meeting. He stated it did not change the total, but he wanted to make the committee aware that he had to redistribute the funds.

A discussion was held regarding National Work Zone Awareness Week. Commissioner Haese stated he will be attending a meeting next week to discuss and plan for the 2011 ceremony. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke to declare April 4 – 8, 2011 as National Work Zone Awareness Week. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Egan and carried 5-0.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Haese stated that the WisDOT plans to rebuild the CTH GG structure over USH 41. The structure will need to be lengthened in order to accommodate the 60 mph design speed limit.
- Chairman Robl exited the meeting.
- To date the Highway Department has expended 50% of their 2011 winter budget. Mr. Haese stated that the winter budget was depleted due to the severity of the storm the previous week. He also stated that while his staff managed to provide adequate service to the public, the shortage of employees was evident in the amount of time it took to clear local roads of the snow and snow drifts. Lt. Anthes, Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, stated they noticed the shortage when they called the Highway Dept. for assistance in closing USH 41 due to an accident in Fond du Lac County. Neither the Highway Department nor the Sheriff's Department had enough personnel available to set up a detour on USH 41. The Committee inquired if any resolution had been found to having the bridgetenders, or other county personnel, fill in during snow emergencies. Mr. Haese said this issue is in the hands of the Human Resources Department in conjunction with contract negotiations. He stated he has offered several suggestions in regards to the problem to the County Executive.
- Commissioner Haese stated he will be meeting with the County Executive in the next several weeks to discuss the issue of the Highway Department gaining jurisdiction over county owned asphalt parking lots and streets that are currently not being maintained by the Facilities Department.
- Supervisor Warnke inquired about the progress of razing the old Park View buildings and if the Highway Department will be utilized in any manner. Commissioner Haese stated this project is not under his jurisdiction. Supervisor Hamblin stated that he was informed that the Facilities Dept. plans to deconstruct the buildings in March.

A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary