

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: November 15, 2010

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
John Haese, Highway Commissioner

EXCUSED: Tim Hamblin, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: Mike Exferd, Mead & Hunt, Inc.
Kathi Sawall, Town of Nekimi resident
Ann Marshall, League of Women's Voters

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2010 meeting as written. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address any agenda items at this time. There were none. Supervisor Albrecht joined the meeting.

Commissioner Haese updated the committee members on the annual Highway Department Town Maintenance Contracts. Mr. Haese stated that ten of the eleven towns that have agreements with the department have signed and returned their contracts. The Town of Wolf River informed Mr. Haese that they intend to sign their agreement; however, they have decided to contract out their snow removal with a private contractor this winter. The Highway Department will do the town's remaining routine work under the contract. Supervisor Albrecht inquired how that would impact the department financially. Commissioner Haese stated he would have to go back the previous five years to calculate an average of revenue that was generated by the Town of Wolf River for snow removal. Supervisor Egan asked if the department could eliminate one vehicle because of the loss of Wolf River. Commissioner Haese stated that the entire department's fleet will still be necessary to carry out the additional plowing at the other county department buildings, such as Park View, and the Oshkosh B'Gosh Building, and the extra work that will be required to clear snow from within the USH 41 project limits. Supervisor Warnke inquired about the staffing issue regarding utilizing the bridgetenders in snow emergencies. Commissioner Haese stated that because one of the union contracts is still in negotiations, he recommended addressing this issue in the future in a closed session meeting.

Commissioner Haese reported on the Highway Department Operations. He stated that as of last week the department completed the mowing and paving operations for 2010. This week the crews are beginning to install snow fence posts, and will hang the fence when the ground freezes. Mr. Haese stated he received a couple calls regarding the CTH E paving project that was completed by the department this summer. The callers stated they were happy with the results of the road project and complimented the crew in how they worked with local property owners during construction. Chairman Robl stated he too received good comments on both the CTH E and CTH D projects.

At 9:45 a.m. the committee left to do a field review of several projects including a culvert installation on Killdeer Road in the Town of Oshkosh, Old Orchard Road in the Town of Neenah, the CTH P approaches on the structure over STH 441, UW Fox Valley parking lots and the parking lot at the former Oshkosh B' Gosh building in downtown Oshkosh.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary