

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: February 1, 2010

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Ken Robl, Highway Committee Chairman
Joanne Sievert, Highway Committee Member
Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member
Tim Hamblin, Highway Committee Member
John Haese, Highway Commissioner

EXCUSED: David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: Mark Luebke, Town of Clayton
Richard Johnston, Town of Clayton
Larry Last, Town of Nekimi citizen
Debra Last, Town of Nekimi citizen
Jen Folske, Town of Nekimi citizen
Lt. Todd Christie, Winnebago County Sheriff's Dept.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Sievert, second by Supervisor Hamblin to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2010 committee meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Robl stated the Town of Clayton officials were invited to this meeting to be involved in discussions regarding future reconstruction of CTH T. Commissioner Haese noted that CTH T is scheduled for reconstruction in 2013 from CTH Y to CTH GG and then 2014 from CTH GG to CTH G. He stated that the segment of CTH T near Larsen would probably not be scheduled for design and construction until several years after the initial projects were completed. Discussion was held regarding a possible jurisdictional transfer of CTH T from Pioneer Rd. to CTH II to the Town of Clayton, and Pioneer Road from CTH II to CTH T to Winnebago County. This transfer of roads would eliminate the curves east of Larsen from the CTH T roadway and allow the new CTH T corridor be constructed in a straight alignment to the intersection of CTH II. Mark Luebke, Chairman for the Town of Clayton stated that he has spoken to a few businesses in the Larsen area and did not receive a strong feeling either positively or negatively on the idea. Mr. Luebke inquired as to what would be included with a jurisdictional transfer. Would CTH T be resurfaced and what improvements would be made at the intersection of CTH T, Pioneer Road and Grandview Road. Mr. Luebke stated he would add this item to a future town board meeting agenda and then contact the Highway Commissioner with the town's concerns after the town has had time to discuss it.

Chairman Robl asked if there was any input on any agenda items by the public. There was no input from the public.

Commissioner Haese stated a budget transfer is necessary to accept the Federal portion of funding for the CTH K Bridge over the Fox River in Eureka. Commissioner Haese reported that borings were completed two months ago and plans are close to completion for the new bridge structure. He stated that before the project can commence, the mussels in the Fox River near the bridge must be relocated to another site. The bridge will also need to have netting installed to prevent swallows from nesting on the structure prior to the construction of the new bridge. The structure is scheduled to be constructed in 2011. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve the budget transfer related to CTH K Bridge over Fox River in Eureka. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Haese reported that he attended a meeting last week with the City of Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee. He stated that the meeting was held in order to discuss the future of STH 26 and if a corridor study should be undertaken in the future. Mr. Haese informed the committee that any future plans concerning STH 26 are in the very early stages of being discussed. A resolution supporting a STH 26 corridor study may be brought before the committee in the near future.

The committee also discussed the State Highway 441 project. Commissioner Haese stated that he was informed that when the USH 41 project is completed in 2015 there may be funding available for other projects that have been enumerated by the TPC (Transportation Projects Commission). The committee has not met since 2004. An effort is underway to request the Governor to convene a meeting of the TPC in order to prioritize and enumerate future projects so that the STH 441 road and bridge projects can be constructed.

The State of Wisconsin Transportation Fund was discussed. An effort is being put forth to support an amendment to the State of Wisconsin Constitution governing transportation funds and limiting them for transportation use only. After the proper language is adopted it will be presented to the Winnebago County Legislative Committee, the Highway Committee and the full County Board for their approval.

General Operations:

- Tomorrow evening there will be a public informational meeting held at the Highway Department facility regarding the CTH A project. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m.
- To date the Highway Department has expended 16% of their 2010 budget. Supervisor Hamblin asked if the final figures were available for 2009. Commissioner Haese stated they are not yet complete but it is looking favorable that the department was able to stay within their budgeted amount.
- Supervisor Warnke questioned when the weight restriction would be implemented on CTH FF. Commissioner Haese stated that seasonal weight restrictions are normally enforced beginning the first week of March depending on when the frost leaves the ground. He stated that last year CTH FF was logged and his staff will examine it again this spring to determine if another temporary restriction is necessary.
- Supervisor Sievert asked if they should expect much damage to CTH M during the additional construction of the Rosendale Dairy. Commissioner Haese stated the road will be monitored periodically for damage.
- Supervisor Warnke questioned if Poberezny Road will be repaired. Commissioner Haese stated the road is under the jurisdiction of the Town of Nekimi. He stated however that the portion from STH 26 to Waukau Ave. is in need of reconstruction and that he, County Executive Harris, and Representative Hintz are looking for funding alternatives. Mr. Haese stated the road could be resurfaced but would not recommend that due to the poor base.

A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary