

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: May 3, 2010

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

EXCUSED: David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive
Lt. William Anthes, Winnebago Co. Sheriff's Dept.
Bill Schramm, OMNNI Associates

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2010 committee meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Haese welcomed Supervisor Tom Egan as the newest member of the Highway Committee. He replaces Supervisor Sievert after the recent elections and reassignments to committees were made.

Chairman Robl asked if there was any input on any agenda items by the public. There was no input on agenda items. Bill Schramm, OMNNI Associates, stated he was attending today's meeting to both thank the committee members for past opportunities and to announce his upcoming retirement. Mr. Schramm stated his retirement will take effect after the upcoming Summer Highway Conference in June. Everyone in the room gave their congratulations and best wishes to Mr. Schramm, and he left the meeting.

The committee members were provided with copies of the proposed changes to Winnebago County Ordinance 7.04, 7.05, 7.10, 7.11, and 7.14. The changes were discussed and Commissioner Haese explained the reason for increasing some of the permit fees. After discussion, a motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve the proposed changes to Winnebago County Ordinance 7.04, 7.05, 7.10, 7.11, and 7.14 as presented. Motion carried 4-0. This item will be addressed at the next County Board of Supervisors meeting. Chairman Robl stated Commissioner Haese should be present to field questions from board members.

Commissioner Haese stated the final design is complete for the CTH T reconstruction project from CTH Y to CTH G, including a roundabout at the intersection of CTH T and CTH Y. The next phase of the project is to purchase the necessary right of way along the corridor, which is estimated at \$300,000. The design plan calls for standard type intersections on CTH T at its intersection with CTH's G and GG. After discussion, a motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin to approve a budget transfer of \$300,000 to fund the property acquisition for the CTH T project from CTH Y to CTH G. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Warnke and carried 4-0.

The CTH D ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) project was discussed. The project limits are from STH 116 to the Waushara County line, and will consist of a resurface, mill and 4" asphalt overlay. Commissioner Haese stated the bid letting was held last week. The low bid was submitted at approximately \$1,851,000 but has not been formally awarded. Being an ARRA project means the funding is split 80/20 with federal stimulus funds contributing \$1,564,000 and Winnebago County's share of \$541,000. Winnebago County also replaced some deficient culverts, signs and right of way markers as part of the project. Commissioner Haese stated the project is anticipated to begin in July. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve the budget transfer of \$2,105,000.00 related to funding the resurface project on CTH D. Motion carried 4-0.

The committee members reviewed the final preliminary design plan for the proposed roundabout at the intersection of CTH I and CTH N. Commissioner Haese stated he met with OMNNI Associates and was informed it will cost approximately \$1,336,000.00 to build a roundabout at this location. He stated the other two options after completion of the reconstruction project on CTH I would be to sign this intersection as a four-way stop, or leave as currently marked, as a two-way stop. Commissioner Haese stated they could complete the design work and purchase the necessary right of way now, which would allow the project to be constructed at a later date if the decision to construct the roundabout is addressed in 2014. Commissioner Haese asked the Committee for input regarding how they wanted to proceed with this project. He reminded them that should USH 41 be closed due to accidents this is the official alternate route and traffic must be able to move smoothly. Supervisor Hamblin stated that there could be federal funds available for improving safety on rural roads and this area may be a good candidate. After discussion a motion was made by Chairman Robl, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to complete the final design plan as presented including a roundabout at the intersection of CTH I and CTH N. A decision to fund and construct the roundabout will be determined at a future date. Motion carried 4-0.

The Highway Department Five Year Capital Improvement Plan was discussed. Commissioner Haese distributed some recent changes he made to the plan to the committee members and a discussion took place. Two major changes were noted:

1. Postponing the CTH G project (USH 41 to STH 76) to a future date. Recent traffic counts do not warrant the rural or urban roadway project that was scheduled for 2011. However, a bridge replacement project on CTH G over the Neenah Slough will be scheduled for design in 2011 with construction to follow in 2013.
2. The CTH T project (CTH G to CTH II) – Begin design engineering for rural reconstruction of CTH T from CTH G to CTH II in 2011. Winnebago County must reach an agreement with the Town of Clayton transferring that segment of CTH T from its intersection of Pioneer Road to the town. The town will transfer that segment of Pioneer Road from the intersection of CTH T to CTH II to the county.

After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve the revised Five Year Capital Improvement Plan 2011-2016 as presented today. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Haese stated the City of Oshkosh requested a speed limit reduction on CTH I between 28th Street and Waukau Avenue from 35 mph to 30 mph. Since this area is within the city limits the county has no objection to the reduced speed limit. Supervisor Egan asked who would be responsible for paying for the new signage. Commissioner Haese stated that the City of Oshkosh will be responsible for the new signs. A motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve the speed limit reduction from 35 mph to 30 mph on CTH I from 28th Street to Waukau Avenue. Motion carried 4-0.

The City of Oshkosh contacted Commissioner Haese and inquired about the possibility of the county participating in funding traffic signals for the intersection of CTH I and Waukau Avenue. The City will install the traffic lights, but is requesting cost sharing by the county and local business entities. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin to deny the City of Oshkosh request to fund signals at the intersection of CTH I and Waukau Avenue. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Egan and passed 4-0.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Haese sent a letter to the Town of Winchester regarding the proposed new satellite facility the Highway Department may be constructing on Hansen Road. Mr. Haese informed the town that if they can prove the road is damaged due to the Highway Department's vehicles, the department will repair it.
- As of date the department has expended 48% of their winter budget and 32% of their total budget for 2010.

- Commissioner Haese updated the committee on the Bridge Tender staffing situation. He stated that the department is in the process of filling several vacancies that should have been filled prior to the navigation season. Local 1280 Bridge Tenders union would not agree to allow the positions to be filled until the navigation season had begun. Therefore, personnel from the Highway Department had to be transferred to the vacant positions in order to have adequate staffing available to operate the bridges. Commissioner Haese stated that interviews have been conducted last week and he expects to be at full staffing levels within two weeks. Supervisor Warnke wanted to know if the current and new bridge tenders who have CDL's will be available for snow removal in 2010. Commissioner Haese stated that Local 1280 Bridge Tenders Union and Local 1903 Highway Department Union would not agree to any conditions that would allow bridge tenders to be utilized for snow removal. Supervisor Warnke asked the committee to meet in closed session in the future to discuss this issue in depth.
- Due to the County Board tour scheduled for May 17th, the next Highway Committee meeting date will be determined at a later date.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin, seconded by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0
The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary