

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: August 2, 2010

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

EXCUSED: Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: Jen Folske, Town of Nekimi resident
Kevin Messerschmidt, Town of Nekimi resident
Chuck Farrey, County Board Supervisor Dist #30
Mike Exferd, Mead & Hunt
Harry Sturgis, Town of Neenah resident

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 July 19, 2010 meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Robl asked the attendees if there was anyone who wanted to address any agenda items at this time. Mr. Farrey stated that he wished to speak regarding agenda item #5. He stated that he would like to request solar powered stop signs at the intersection of CTH T and Breezewood Lane. He requested direction from the committee in making that request. Chairman Robl advised him that he should submit a written request to the Highway Commissioner. Mr. Farrey also stated that the town of Vinland will be requesting culvert aid for a 36" culvert on Kolb Road. The current culvert pipe was damaged due to recent record rainfalls. Commissioner Haese instructed him to send a petition to the Highway Committee requesting approval for the replacement. If approved, the request would then be forwarded to the full County Board for final approval of the funding. Supervisor Albrecht entered the meeting.

Ms. Folske stated she was informed that there is a new west side arterial map. Commissioner Haese reported that he would provide all the information he has when they get to that agenda item during today's meeting.

Mike Exferd, Mead & Hunt Inc., stated that he stopped in to greet the committee and asked if they have any problems or concerns with work his firm is performing for the Highway Commission. Commissioner Haese stated Mead & Hunt is doing the design work on CTH A from Indian Point Rd. to Neenah. Mr. Haese has been working with Mead & Hunt staff members to resolve some drainage issues that must be addressed before the design plan can be completed.

Commissioner Haese stated that he recently met with East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, City of Oshkosh staff, Town of Nekimi officials, S.E.H. and WisDOT representatives to discuss the change in corridor alignment of the proposed Oshkosh area West Side Arterial. Each respective entity will now review the new alignment and meet at a future date in order to discuss the merits of the proposed change. Walt Raith, ECWRPC, is scheduled to attend the Town of Nekimi meeting in September to discuss and answer their questions regarding the new corridor location.

Commissioner Haese reported that when the CTH P mill and pave project was undertaken several years ago, the structure over STH 441 was not included in the project because it was presumed the WisDOT would include them as part of the STH 441 upgrade. Recently the state informed Mr. Haese that they will not be including any part of this CTH P structure in the STH 441 project. Winnebago County will need to address the severely deteriorated bridge approaches. Commissioner Haese stated that he does not feel that there is sufficient time in the 2010 construction season to secure funding for this project. He intends to bring this issue back before the committee in a future meeting. The project will have to be included in the five-year capital improvement projects list and then will have to be discussed at committee and Board of Supervisors meetings prior to moving forward with the project. He proposes to request that funding from the 2007 CTH AP project be utilized for funding this project, which is estimated to cost approximately \$120,000.

The solar powered stop signs located at the intersection of CTH I and CTH N were discussed. Supervisor Warnke stated that he thinks the department did a good job with the additional signing at this location, but still believes there should be four solar powered stop signs. He stated they would be effective in aiding motorists on CTH N. He also stated that if solar powered signs were installed at all four corners it could eliminate the need for a proposed roundabout, which could save Winnebago County a substantial amount of money. Commissioner Haese stated he has not had any complaints regarding the current signage at the intersection and will continue monitoring this location. Supervisor Albrecht stated he would like to set a timetable of three months to revisit this issue.

A discussion was held regarding Frontier Road in the Town of Winneconne. After discussion, a motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht stating that the Winnebago County Highway Commission is not in favor of funding any design or reconstruction of Frontier Road in the Town of Winneconne. Approving such a motion would set a precedence that would not be in the best interests of Winnebago County. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Warnke and carried 4-0.

Commissioner Haese informed the Committee about an encroachment issue on CTH K west of CTH FF. A local resident may have altered several waterways near CTH K that is allowing water from the surrounding area onto the highway right of way. The flow from this water has damaged the shoulder and roadway of CTH K several times in the past two months. The department is monitoring the situation and Mr. Haese is meeting with the individual this week. Mr. Haese stated that there may be provisions in the State Statutes that would give Winnebago County the right to recover the cost for damages done to the highway. He will keep the Committee informed on this issue.

Commissioner Haese asked the committee members if they had any questions related to the proposed 2011 budget. He stated that he will be meeting with County Executive Harris later this month to review the budget and that Chairman Robl has been invited to attend the meeting. Supervisor Albrecht asked if any part of the budget process had changed from previous years. Mr. Haese stated that he is following the same process and procedure as has been used in preceding years.

General Operations:

- Effective July 29, 2010 the Highway Department has expended 53.24% of their total 2010 budget.
- The WisDOT will be expanding the CTH II on-ramp to STH 441 eastbound. The design work for this project is scheduled to be completed by February 2011.
- Supervisor Hamblin inquired about the condition of CTH Y near the entrance to the landfill. Commissioner Haese stated that section of CTH Y will be addressed when the landfill completes its operation in two years, since large trucks entering/exiting continue to destroy the surface.
- Commissioner Haese stated the department has nearly completed mowing along the county trunk highways for this year.
- The department is currently seal coating in Kewaunee County after completing work for Outagamie County.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary