

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: March 2, 2009

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to County Executive

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Sievert, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2009 committee meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Robl asked for public input from anyone who wanted to address any issue on the agenda. There was no public input.

Commissioner Haese stated he had reviewed the rankings that were submitted to him by the Committee related to the three consultant firms that had been interviewed for the proposed CTH I project. The rankings determined that OMNNI Associates received the highest score. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to select OMNNI Associates for the design and consulting work for the proposed CTH I project. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Haese will now request an estimated fee schedule from OMNNI to perform the design work. If the estimate falls within normal and customary for this type of work they will be contracted to proceed with the project. Commissioner Haese will bring this item back to a future committee meeting.

The CTH Y project from STH 76 to CTH A was discussed. The project was awarded to the Zignego Company, Waukesha, WI. The project total of approximately 3.8 million dollars includes \$450,000 of CHIP-D funds, \$214,000 from the City of Oshkosh for water and sewer utilities, and \$1,048,000 of federal funding. The remaining \$2,058,000 will be bonded for if approved by the board of supervisors. Supervisor Albrecht joined the meeting.

Chairman Robl questioned if the Parks Department was in any way involved in the CTH Y project. Commissioner Haese stated that the Parks Director may be negotiating with the contractor allowing them to park their equipment on property owned by the Parks Department during construction in exchange for constructing a small prairie grass planting. Commissioner Haese stated Zignego Company would like to begin the project in April if all the necessary approvals are granted. A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Sievert to approve the budget transfer of \$2,058,000 for the remaining CTH Y construction costs. Motion carried 5-0.

The CTH K Bridge project over the Fox River was discussed. There will be a public informational meeting hosted by Ayres Associates on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at the Rushford Town Hall from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The project includes replacing the current bridge as well as minor approach work.

Commissioner Haese informed the Committee that representatives of the WisDOT will be attending the next Highway Committee Meeting on March 16th. The Committee members gave suggestions on topics to be discussed at that meeting.

General Operations:

- Supervisor Albrecht inquired about working with the adjacent landowner and the possibility of constructing a roundabout at the intersection of CTH A and GG.
- As of February 16th the Highway Department has expended 51% of their winter maintenance budget.
- Commissioner Haese explained how the economic stimulus funds are being distributed and what criteria are necessary. The project on CTH M may meet the requirements for stimulus funding, but there is a very short time frame in which several key documents must be approved by various agencies in order for the project to be **considered** for funding. If the county proceeds with submitting the project for stimulus funding it may have to expend funds for engineering reports with **no guarantee** that the county will receive funding for the project. This item will be addressed at the next Committee meeting.
- Chairman Robl suggested inviting State Legislators to a future committee meeting to discuss general transportation issues.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary