

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: June 1, 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  
John Haese, Highway Commissioner

EXCUSED: David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive  
Jennifer Folske  
Kathi Sawall

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2009 meeting as written. Supervisor Hamblin asked for clarification what the \$6,000 or 20% of the disputed costs requested by the contractor to settle the dispute related to the CTH AP project included. Commissioner Haese explained he is still waiting for documentation to finalize the project, but the approximate \$6,000 will be used to cover concrete batch plant stand-by time, contractor administrative support, storm and sanitary debris removal and other fees. He will report back to the Committee once he receives the documentation. Supervisor Hamblin seconded the motion to approve the minutes of May 14<sup>th</sup>, and the motion carried 3-0.

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

Commissioner Haese reported that the design consultant has indicated that there are additional costs related to plat development, title searches, surveying, monumentation and land acquisition necessary to complete the CTH A design project from Indian Point Rd. to the City of Neenah city limits. The additional items increased the original estimated amount of \$220,000 by 56,000 or \$276,000. Supervisor Sievert stressed that the public and residents who live on CTH A realize that the project consists of reconstructing CTH A as a two-lane rural project with a pedestrian trail. It is not being constructed as a four lane roadway. Commissioner Haese stated that there will be a public informational meeting this fall and then land acquisition will begin shortly thereafter. He stated that the construction will not take place in the immediate future. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Sievert, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve the \$276,000 budget transfer for right of way acquisition on CTH A. Motion carried 4-0.

The CTH T project was discussed. The project limits are from CTH Y to CTH GG. CTH T will be constructed as a two-lane rural roadway with the exception of that area from CTH Y to a point approximately ½ mile north of this intersection, which will include curb, gutter and storm sewer. Traffic is projected to increase in this corridor so roundabouts will be constructed at the intersections of CTH Y and CTH T and CTH T and CTH GG. Chairman Robl inquired as to if there is any federal aid available for this project. Commissioner Haese stated that currently the design is being completed as a non-federal aid project. If federal aid should become available in the future the county would have to meet federal aid criteria for the project design, which may cost up to \$50,000 for additional engineering in order to meet federal project specifications. Commissioner Haese stated he has concerns about trucking firms using CTH Y and CTH T during construction of the USH 41 expansion during the next several years. If these roads are used as haul roads for any portion of the project, they will be video logged prior to the onset of construction. If the roads are damaged due to trucking for the project the county would have the right to claim damages to repair the roadways in order to restore them to their previous condition. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve a budget transfer of \$330,000 for right of way acquisition on CTH T from CTH Y to CTH G. Motion carried 4-0.

A satellite highway facility at the intersection of STH 45 and CTH II was discussed. The Highway Department would like to construct a satellite shop adjacent to its existing salt shed on property owned by the WisDOT in Winchester. The DoT has agreed to deed the necessary land to Winnebago County after they receive a letter of intent from Commissioner Haese that the land will only be used for highway purposes. Recently Commissioner Haese viewed a similar structure owned by the Manitowoc County Highway Commission that he states would work well for Winnebago County. The total cost of the five stall building with small office and restroom facilities was \$200,000. At this time a budget transfer is necessary for \$15,000 to perform the design services for the satellite facility. Supervisor Warnke questioned where the \$15,000 for design services will be obtained from. Commissioner Haese stated the Finance Director will make that determination. A motion was made by Supervisor Sievert, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve a budget transfer of \$15,000 to design the certified plans required by the WisDOT to construct a satellite facility in Winchester. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Haese stated he has been informed that the cost of the tandem and tri-axle trucks that will be purchased as part of 2010 capital equipment will increase due to a change in emission standards. One of the equipment vendors notified him that if Winnebago County can commit to a purchase by next month they can save \$20,000. Mr. Haese asked the Committee for any recommendations on this matter. Chairman Robl suggested Commissioner Haese discuss the matter with County Executive Harris and bring the item back to the next committee meeting.

Commissioner Haese gave an update on the CTH Y project. He stated that as of date the project is about 10 days behind schedule due to the additional excavation that was needed to eliminate the poor soil they encountered and because of inclement weather. He stated that there should be adequate funds budgeted to cover the project, including the contingency. However, should any substantial areas of poor soil be encountered it could put the project over budget. Until recently federal aid projects were always distributed 80/20% with no cap on the total amount of funds. Commissioner Haese recently learned that there is a maximum of federal funding on this project of \$1,063,000 and any amount over that will be the responsibility of Winnebago County. It is anticipated, weather permitting that there will be four lanes of paved road that will be in a drivable condition by the onset of the county fair. The curb/gutter and finishing work may be completed after the fair ends. Mr. Haese also advised that CTH Y will be closed starting today for 10 days at the railroad crossing to allow the Canadian National Railroad access to install new crossing surfaces.

#### General Operations:

- There will be a public informational meeting held tomorrow night, June 2<sup>nd</sup> regarding the USH 41 construction project. The meeting will be held at 2905 Universal Street, Oshkosh (the previous Curtis Law Office) at 4:45 p.m.
- As of date the Highway Department has expended 72.5% of their winter maintenance funds and 44.5% of their total budget for 2009.
- Supervisor Warnke stated he has been contacted by several constituents regarding the proposed West Side Arterial project and asked if there are any updates. Commissioner Haese stated he has nothing new to report at this time. Supervisors Warnke and Sievert both expressed concerns that they want this item added to the next highway committee meeting agenda and perhaps the first meeting of every month to keep the public informed on the status of the proposed project. Chairman Robl stated he provided an opportunity for interested citizens to speak at a recent committee meeting and the county board meeting on this topic, but he is willing to put this item on the agenda in the future so that if any citizens have questions or concerns they can attend the committee meetings to express their sentiments.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

