

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: July 20, 2009

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

EXCUSED: David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive
Mary Ellen Gerlach, Town of Nekimi
Kathi Sawall, Town of Nekimi

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 July 6, 2009 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Commissioner Haese stated that earlier today he received the breakdown of costs from the consulting firm regarding the design work for the CTH D project. The 11.1 mile project from STH 116 to the Waushara County line will consist of milling off the current surface and then overlaying the roadway with a new 4" mat of asphalt. The estimated cost of the project is approximately 2.2 to 2.4 million dollars. \$1,954,000 will be applied to the project costs from federal stimulus funds to offset the overall project costs. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve a budget transfer of \$50,000 for design services for the project. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Haese asked the committee members if they all had received copies of the proposed 2010 budget worksheets that were mailed to them for review. They all stated that they had. Mr. Haese reported that he and Chairman Robl will be meeting with County Executive Harris on August 20th to review the Highway Department budget. He will report any final budget adjustments that will have been made by the County Executive to the committee at a future meeting. The budget was then reviewed and discussed by line item. Commissioner Haese fielded questions from the Committee concerning specific items in the budget. Loanne Owens-Flaig, Office Manager/Accountant was invited into the meeting to answer questions from the committee also. The total proposed budget as written meets the required 3% guideline as set forth by the county executive. Supervisor Sievert questioned how the 3% figure is derived. John Fink stated Mr. Harris' figures are based on budget projections and expected tax revenues.

General Operations:

- The July 21st County Board meeting will include a resolution regarding funding design and reconstruction of the CTH I project from CTH N to the City of Oshkosh. This item failed at the previous meeting and is being brought back to the board for approval. Commissioner Haese stated staff will be available from Land & Water Conservation to explain the storm sewer sediment removal requirements. Winnebago County is currently meeting the 20% storm sewer sediment removal. Because the requirements will be increasing to 40% by 2013 construction of a detention pond may be necessary along CTH I as part of the reconstruction.
- The Highway Department is currently involved in mowing operations at this time. Commissioner Haese stated that depending on the department's budget the mowing operation may be reduced in order to reduce overall departmental costs.

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- Paving along the south side of CTH Y is starting today. After completion of paving the curb and gutter will be installed along with the pedestrian trail and final restoration work. There will be access to the Winnebago County fair along CTH Y the first week of August.
- To date the Highway Department has expended 60.82% of their 2009 budget.
- Supervisor Hamblin inquired as to if the department has contemplated laying off employees similar to what Manitowoc and Kewaunee counties are experiencing. Commissioner Haese stated he was unaware of Kewaunee County's plans and does not know the particulars regarding Manitowoc County. Mr. Haese stated he is monitoring the budget closely. Revenue sources appear to be in line with what was expected when the 2009 budget was prepared; therefore he does not expect that there will be the need for any reductions in the workforce. The town maintenance contracts will be distributed next month and he is anticipating continued support from the towns.
- The paving project on CTH B is continuing this week.

A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Sievert to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary