

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: April 4, 2011

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

EXCUSED: David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive

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 March 21, 2011 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address any agenda items at this time. There was no public input.

The committee discussed the CTH T project which includes that segment of highway from CTH G north to the intersection of Pioneer Road in the Town of Clayton. Commissioner Haese informed the committee that WisDoT Local Program Managers have indicated that there will be no federal funding available for the design of this project until July of 2012. Estimated design costs for this project is \$788,000. Winnebago County would be responsible for 20% or approximately \$157,000 of those total costs. The committee decided to put this item on its next agenda.

Commissioner Haese informed the committee that there are no federal funds available for the CTH G Bridge Project. Funds will not be available until July of 2012. The county has already selected the firm of GRAEF Inc. to provide design services for this project. If funds become available prior to the 2012 date, the county would be prepared to move ahead with the project immediately.

Commissioner Haese explained to the committee why the CTH K Bridge Project has been delayed. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation had not forwarded documents to the office of SHPO (State Historical Preservation Office) as had been requested in January of 2011. Commissioner Haese stated that he contacted local elected officials to intercede on behalf of Winnebago County in order to get the project moving forward. State Representative Richard Spanbauer and State Senator Mike Ellis were especially helpful in contacting the agencies that were involved in the project in order to get the necessary documentation routed through the proper channels in Madison.

The committee discussed the WCHA (Wisconsin County Highway Association) Summer Highway Conference and the 100th Anniversary of the WCHA.

General Operations:

Commissioner Haese informed the committee that the winter maintenance fund was over budget an estimated \$36,000 as of this date. He asked the committee if they would entertain supporting another budget transfer above and beyond the \$100,000 that was previously approved to offset the shortage. The committee elected to make a decision regarding a budget transfer for additional funds for winter maintenance at a future meeting, possibly not until September or October of 2011.

A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, second by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 A.M. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on April 18, 2012 at 9:00 A.M.

Recording Secretary,
John M. Haese