

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: April 18, 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
David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member
John Haese, Highway Commissioner

ALSO

PRESENT: Jamey Gosz, Highway Equipment Superintendent
Mike Exferd, Mead & Hunt
Jonathan Kraus, WOSH Radio

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2011 meeting as written. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address any agenda items at this time. Mike Exferd, Mead & Hunt, stated he stopped in to say hello to the committee and to offer his firm's services for any future projects. Commissioner Haese stated Mead & Hunt was hired to complete the design work on the CTH A project from Indian Point Rd. to the City of Neenah and the plan is nearly complete. Mr. Haese has plans to meet with the firm next week to discuss the plan.

Agenda item #3 regarding the CTH T project (CTH G to Pioneer Road) will be discussed later in the meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the proposed satellite facility in Winchester. Jamey Gosz, Equipment Superintendent, updated the Committee on the project. Mr. Gosz stated the design is nearly complete, with some minor details to be finalized. Commissioner Haese reported that the shop is a simple design 120' x 50' with five equipment bays, a small break room and restroom. Mr. Gosz stated that upon completion the design plan must then be approved by Winnebago County's Land & Water Conservation Department. Winnebago County has an ordinance that states any project where over 1,000 square feet of soil is disturbed a detention pond is required to be constructed.

The need for a detention pond will significantly increase the cost of the project. A design fee for the pond will cost between \$5,000 and \$6,000, plus the permit fee. Commissioner Haese stated he understands the need to regulate the drainage, but does not understand why Winnebago County's restrictions are more stringent than what is required by the State DNR. Mr. Gosz stated that besides the increased cost for the drainage pond, the overall cost of the project has increased approximately 25% due to the inflated costs for steel and concrete. Supervisor Egan asked if the committee would have the opportunity to view the design plans before they are put out to bid. Commissioner Haese stated he could bring them to the next committee meeting.

Supervisor Warnke asked Commissioner Haese to contact the director of Land & Water in order to question the need for the design and construction of the pond since it exceeds the requirements of the Wisconsin DNR. Commissioner Haese stated that he would contact Tom Davies from Land & Water in order to raise that question. Mr. Gosz left the meeting at this time.

The 2011 Highway Department winter maintenance funds were discussed. Commissioner Haese stated that to date 50% of the additional \$100,000 of winter funds that the committee approved in March have already been expended. There is another winter storm predicted for Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, and if that happens more funds will be used. Commissioner Haese stated he informed members of the County's Personnel and Finance Committee that the Highway Committee intends to wait until the fall of 2011 to determine if more funding is necessary to complete the 2011 winter maintenance season. Additional discussion was held regarding winter maintenance issues.

The committee discussed the WCHA (Wisconsin County Highway Association) Summer Highway Conference. Mr. Haese also updated the committee on how future highway conferences are being planned and executed. Supervisor Hamblin joined the meeting.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Haese reported that the Superintendents are now in the process of completing their annual road surveys with the towns to determine what maintenance projects will be undertaken this year.
- The right of way acquisition for the CTH T project from CTH Y to CTH GG is nearly complete.
- The CTH A project will be discussed at the next committee meeting. Supervisor Albrecht joined the meeting.
- Supervisor Albrecht inquired if it was possible to have some millings delivered to the Waukau Methodist Church for their parking lot. Commissioner Haese stated that if a property owner is within the project limits and if it is cost efficient and feasible, the department will try to accommodate them with millings. The department is paid per ton from the contractor for any asphalt millings that are trucked to the contractor's site. Supervisor Albrecht stated he will have someone from the church call Mr. Haese to discuss.
- Supervisor Albrecht informed the committee that he accompanied Commissioner Haese to the National Work Zone Memorial last week in Green Bay. Mr. Albrecht told Commissioner Haese that he did a good job as emcee and as one of the main speakers for the program.
- Supervisor Warnke inquired if Commissioner Haese had received a reply from the WisDOT regarding the speed limit on STH 76 from USH 41 south to CTH Y. Mr. Haese stated the WisDOT informed him that the 45 mph speed limit is appropriate and would remain in force.
- Supervisor Albrecht asked if Commissioner Haese is working with Fond du Lac County regarding the CTH M project. Mr. Haese stated he is coordinating with their commissioner and the projects will be undertaken at the same time.

Agenda item #3 will now be addressed. 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 inquired what the committee would like to do with this segment of CTH T. Reconstruct or resurface the existing roadway. Estimated design costs according to the WisDoT utilizing federal funds for his project are \$788,000. \$630,400 is federal funds and \$157,600 would be the responsibility of Winnebago County. The estimated cost for a total reconstruction is approximately 3.5 million dollars. The cost to mill and pave the existing corridor would be approximately \$450,000, which would be funded 100% by Winnebago County.

Supervisor Egan asked if this segment of road could be chip sealed instead. Commissioner Haese stated that was an option, but the surface has had several chip seals in the past and the original asphalt surface is reaching the end of its life span. Chairman Robl stated he suggests milling and repaving the road. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin to mill and pave CTH T from CTH G to Pioneer Road. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Albrecht. After further discussion, the original motion was amended by Supervisor Warnke to state CTH T from CTH G to Pioneer Road should not be reconstructed at this time. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Egan. The motion was carried 4-0. Supervisor Albrecht abstained.

The next regular meeting will be held on May 2, 2011.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin, seconded by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.