

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: May 4, 2015

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Ken Robl, Highway Committee Chairman
Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member
David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member
Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member
Kenn Olson, Highway Committee Member
Ernie Winters, Highway Commissioner

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive
Harry Sturgis

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 A.M. A motion was made by Supervisor Olson, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2015 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was any public input on agenda items. Mr. Sturgis stated that he was attending today's meeting because he thought the Neenah Town Chairman was going to be present to discuss the intersection of CTH CB and Oakridge Rd. That item is not on today's agenda. Supervisor Warnke joined the meeting.

Commissioner Winters stated that he was recently in touch with representatives from the EAA, Towns and Airport to discuss the condition of Waukau Avenue from Poberezny Rd. to the Airport property. The road is owned by Winnebago County, although not a county highway. The proposed project includes pulverizing, building up the base, and paving Waukau Avenue, possibly including a paved shoulder. Supervisor Warnke stated he thinks the road should be rebuilt as a concrete boulevard since it is the entrance to EAA and viewed by one-million people a year. Commissioner Winters explained that would be a much more extensive project that may include purchasing right-of-way, adding curb and gutter, storm sewer, etc. and may take several years to design and implement. The mill and pave project as planned should be completed prior to EAA this summer. After discussion, a motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve a budget transfer of \$350,000 to resurface Waukau Avenue from Poberezny Road to the Airport property. Motion carried 5-0. This item will be presented to the Personnel & Finance Committee and the full County Board for approval.

Street lighting at County intersections was discussed. Commissioner Winters distributed an outline and stated that he spoke to officials from the towns of Neenah and Menasha regarding street lights and whose responsibility they are. Commissioner Winters stated there is one orphan street light at the intersection of CTH CB and II that is mounted above the traffic signal. This street light was installed when CTH II was still under State jurisdiction as STH 150. Winnebago County has a written policy stating street lights are the responsibility of the local municipality. The one exception is at the intersection of CTH Y and CTH T where the County constructed their first roundabout. Street lights were installed there per State law. Commissioner Winters stated that he would like to update the street lighting written policy and bring back to a future meeting.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters stated that he recently attended the Senate Committee hearing on transportation and gave testimony regarding restricting the use of cell phones in work zones. Mr. Winters stated that no one in attendance was in opposition. This topic will be passed onto the full legislature at some point for consideration.
- Commissioner Winters distributed informational material on J-turns and how they function. He stated they are being considered by the WisDOT for STH 21 in the future.
- Thursday, May 7th the NE Region Commissioner and Committee Members meeting is being held in Sturgeon Bay. Mr. Winters stated he will be unable to attend this year due to a conflicting schedule.
- Commissioner Winters distributed an outline on MPO (Municipal Planning Organizations) and what role they play. It is the MPO's responsibility to determine the process of fairly distributing funding. Currently Winnebago County is contracted with East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.
- STH 26 is under construction in Fond du Lac County. The project includes straightening out curves and updating intersections and passing lanes. WIS 26 will be closed to through traffic but access will be maintained to locals.
- Supervisor Egan inquired who will be picking up the dead deer along the highways. Commissioner Winters noted that the State is still working through the budget process and more information will be forthcoming.

Chairman Robl stated that due to the County Board tour on May 18th, there will be no Highway Committee meeting held that day.

A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary