

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: May 5, 2014

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Ken Robl, Highway Committee Chairman  
Tim Hamblin, Highway Committee Member  
Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member  
Dave Albrecht, Highway Committee Member  
Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member  
Ernie Winters, Highway Commissioner

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive  
William Anthes, Winnebago County Sheriff's Dept.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 A.M. A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2014 meeting as written. Motion carried 5-0.

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 CTH G bridge project was discussed. Commissioner Winters informed the Committee that the design for the project was 85-90% complete and submitted to the WisDOT for review. Since the federal rules were recently changed to ensure highways accommodate all forms of travel, the State is now requiring that projects have paved shoulders or sidewalks to conform as a "complete street". This will require that the design firm update the CTH G plans to bring them up to standard, and require a budget transfer to cover the additional design costs. The funds will be applied from unused monies from a previous project. Supervisor Warnke asked if the entire project should be re-bid. Commissioner Winters explained that the \$70,000 already committed to the design firm for the work they've completed would then be wasted. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht to approve a budget transfer of \$55,000 to cover the increase in costs for the design of the CTH G Bridge. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Egan and carried 5-0.

The reconstruction of the intersection of CTH CB and BB was discussed. This project will be done jointly with Outagamie County, who is the lead agency. The project consists of totally reconstructing the intersection including new turn lanes and traffic signals. A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve a budget transfer of \$210,000 to fund reconstruction of the CTH CB and CTH BB intersection. The motion was carried 5-0. Commissioner Winters will present this project to the full County Board in June.

Commissioner Winters distributed pictures showing a remnant highway parcel on CTH D in the Town of Poygan. He was previously contacted by the adjacent property owner who is interested in obtaining the 370' x 400' x 180' triangular parcel. The Committee discussed if the lot size would be buildable and what value it holds. Supervisor Egan suggested Commissioner Winters contact the Town of Poygan to determine if it meets their criteria for building size. Mr. Egan stated if the property owner wishes to pursue the matter they should have to pay for the survey work. Supervisor Albrecht stated if the property owner contacts Commissioner Winters again, he should ask them what they'll offer the County for the parcel.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters reminded the committee that Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> the Spring Commissioner and Committee Members meeting is being held in Calumet County.
- WisDOT Secretary Mark Gottlieb will be hosting a public town hall meeting on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at the UW Alumni Center in Oshkosh. The primary focus of the meeting is transportation funding options.

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- The WisDOT will be holding a STH 441 project meeting on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. The local officials segment will be held in the morning with a public meeting scheduled from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Butte des Morts elementary school in Menasha.
- Commissioner Winters distributed the agenda for the upcoming Summer Highway Conference that will be held in June.
- Commissioner Winters informed the committee that last week Dane County Highway Department employees had a close call on the beltline where a vehicle struck one of their county trucks. Thankfully the county employees were not injured but the vehicle's driver was. Commissioner Winters stated he was glad to see that Dane County put out a press release reminding motorists of the move-over law and work zone awareness.
- Commissioner Winters reported that the WisDOT is looking for solutions to fund the shortfall experienced in winter maintenance funding. A 13-10 Request has been submitted to the Legislature by DOT to make up for winter maintenance cost overruns. The 13-10 process allows for state agencies to request additional operating budget funding from the State.
- Supervisor Warnke inquired how the Highway Department's budget is doing. Commissioner Winters reported it is doing well with the exception of winter maintenance that went over budget due to the harsh winter. Mr. Winters stated he may have to request additional funding from the County Board to complete the winter season.
- William Anthes, Winnebago County Sheriff's Department, inquired when the project at CTH I and CTH N will begin. Commissioner Winters stated it is scheduled to start in mid-June. He stated the road will remain open to traffic except when the new culvert pipes are installed.

Chairman Robl stated that due to the County Board tour, there will be no Highway Committee Meeting held on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer  
Highway Secretary