

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: May 21, 2012

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

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 Egan, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2012 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. Supervisor Warnke joined the meeting.

Commissioner Winters stated he has been doing some research regarding the possible need for flashing stop signs at the intersection of CTH N and CTH I. Mr. Winters stated according to his analysis and the State of Wisconsin accident history website, there were eight accidents reported at that intersection from 2005-2009. Five were single vehicle incidents and three had a cause listed as too fast for conditions. Commissioner Winters stated his recommendation is to develop a policy stating what criteria should be used in deciding on the placement of LED stop signs.

Supervisor Warnke stated he believes flashing stop signs are necessary at the intersection of CTH I and CTH N due to heavy traffic during EAA, the sunrise-sunset visibility issue, and Oshkosh Truck. He stated placing the flashing stop signs at this location would also eliminate the need for a roundabout saving the county money.

Chairman Robl agreed that Winnebago County should have a written policy so all requests can be treated equally. Supervisor Hamblin asked if the policy will differentiate between a flashing stop sign and a beacon. Commissioner Winters stated the county's policy will have it spelled out and will mirror the state's MUTCD (Manual Uniform Traffic Control Devices) regarding line of visibility, location, etc. Supervisor Egan asked how long creating the policy will take, and suggested the flashing signs at the intersection of CTH I and CTH N should be done as soon as possible before EAA and other large events take place. Commissioner Winters stated if warranted by the policy he will have the signs erected as soon as possible. After discussion, a motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin to have Commissioner Winters draft a policy for flashing stop signs and other warning devices. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Albrecht and carried 5-0.

The CTH G bridge project was discussed. Commissioner Winters stated that the project is in the capital improvement program. He stated there are federal funds available for 80% of the construction costs but the design costs were not funded. Commissioner Winters stated the bridge has a low sufficiency rating and needs attention soon. The design firm of Graef, Anhalt, Schloemer, & Assoc. was chosen earlier by the Highway Committee to do the design work. A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve a budget transfer for \$70,000 in capital funding for the CTH G Bridge design project. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Winters spoke about potential county trunk highway drainage projects. He stated the recent hard rains brought several areas of insufficient drainage to the department's attention. Commissioner Winters asked if the committee wishes the department to investigate outside of the right of way to determine why certain areas are failing. Mr. Winters suggested identifying one or two special cases per year and dedicating funding to try to address them. Supervisor Albrecht stated he believes a lot of the problems could be alleviated if cleaning and maintaining the drainage areas were done. After discussion the committee instructed Commissioner Winters to look into these drainage issues.

General Operations:

- Because of the Summer Highway Conference being held June 4-6, 2012 the next highway committee meeting date will have to be rescheduled. Chairman Robl stated the June committee meetings will be held on June 11th and 25th.
- The Highway Department will be starting their four 10-hour day schedule on June 4th.
- Commissioner Winters stated there will be a Wolf River Bridge meeting held at the Winneconne Village Hall on May 24th.
- Commissioner Winters stated the county has begun the budget process for 2013. Supervisor Albrecht stated that Chairman Robl will be accompanying Mr. Winters to the budget meeting.
- Commissioner Winters stated that the CTH T project is going well. He stated the contractor encountered some rock while excavating but that should not pose a problem. He also stated that the design engineering firm will contact ATT regarding resetting their lines.
- Chairman Robl stated he heard good feedback from other county board members who toured the Highway Department Facility recently. Mr. Winters stated he enjoyed meeting and chatting with some of the members.
- Supervisor Hamblin inquired if the Commissioner spoke with Facilities Director about doing some work at Park View. Mr. Winters stated he spoke with them about possibly removing the back access road. He is waiting to hear back from Facilities on this item.
- Commissioner Winters stated he spoke with representatives from the City of Oshkosh regarding Butler Avenue being deteriorated. He will bring information to a future meeting on this item.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin, seconded by Supervisor Albrecht to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary