

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: June 1, 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: Harry Sturgis, Town of Neenah resident
Guy Hegg, Winnebago County Board District #27

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 A.M. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Olson to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2015 meeting as written. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was any public input on agenda items. Mr. Sturgis stated he was attending today's meeting to comment on the CTH CB and Oakridge Road intersection. He stated based on data he received regarding the number of accidents at this location that something should be done to improve the safety.

The Committee decided to continue the discussion by moving to Agenda item #5 at this time. Commissioner Winters distributed an outline and informed the Committee that when he gave a presentation at the last County Board meeting requesting approval of \$100,000 funding for the CTH CB and Oakridge Road intersection analysis that it wasn't very well received by the board members. Guy Hegg stated he would recommend traffic signals at this location due to the cost of a roundabout. Commissioner Winters stated that accidents still occur at intersections marked by traffic signals and although signals are cheaper it's more about public safety. It's been proven that roundabouts are much safer due to the slower speed, and that would be his recommendation. Chairman Robl stated he would also recommend a roundabout at this intersection and Supervisor Warnke agreed. Supervisor Egan stated that this Committee is responsible for the safety of the traveling public and Supervisor Olson concurred. Commissioner Winters stated this project may qualify for a safety improvement grant that would be split 80/20 with the Federal Government. Mr. Winters stated that he will do more research and bring this item back to a future meeting with more data.

Commissioner Winters stated that he drafted a service resolution for Tim Hamblin that was approved by the WCHA. The resolution will be framed and given to Mr. Hamblin for his years of service on the Highway Committee. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Albrecht to approve the WCHA service resolution for Tim Hamblin. Motion carried 5-0.

A pavement maintenance project on Waukau Avenue was discussed. Commissioner Winters stated that he recently learned the EAA may possibly be willing to participate in the Waukau Avenue maintenance project when they find out what the total cost will be. Commissioner Winters stated that there probably would not be time before this summer's EAA convention for a full mill and pave job. Mr. Winters stated that the road may just be patched temporarily. He will discuss where the funding will come from for the patching with County Executive Harris and address this issue at a future meeting.

Commissioner Winters distributed the agenda for the Summer Highway Conference. He stated that he will be speaking on Tuesday regarding Incident Management.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters distributed information on a meeting that was held on the noise barriers that will be installed with the WIS 441 project.
- The recent issue of "The Connector" was distributed which includes a spring safety report from the WisDOT.
- Commissioner Winters distributed information on the Federal Transportation Budget update and the local option sales tax.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary