

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: June 23, 2014

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

Excused: Dave Albrecht, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive  
Lt. 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 Egan, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2014 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.

Commissioner Winters stated that the WisDOT has asked for approval of a TLE (Temporary Limited Easement) to allow for grading and slope work along CTH P as part of the STH 441 project. The DOT is offering Winnebago County \$150.00 in payment of the temporary easement to the 50' parcel owned by the County located on Warsaw Street. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Warnke to grant approval to the WisDOT for a temporary limited easement for the STH 441 project and to accept the \$150.00 payment. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Egan and carried 4-0. This item will be presented to the full County Board in July for approval. Supervisor Egan suggested that the possible disposal of this parcel of land and other unused parcels owned by the County be discussed at the next regular highway meeting.

Commissioner Winters stated that it became apparent last winter with such cold temperatures that the application of salt and brine did not always do an adequate job of clearing the snow and ice, especially on the concrete decks. Mr. Winters stated that he would like his department to construct a magnesium chloride tank to assist in winter maintenance operations. He stated that salt treated with magnesium chloride works sooner and better in very cold temperatures. The State will pay for one-half the cost of the system. The county's one-half could be paid from money available in the 2014 Capital Equipment fund that was not expended. Supervisor Egan asked if the magnesium chloride would be used on town roads. Mr. Winters stated that it would primarily be used on the State and County systems, but if conditions warrant it, that it could be used for the towns. Mr. Winters stated that he would like the State to install a magnesium chloride tank at the new salt shed that will be constructed on STH 26 also. After discussion, a motion was made by Chairman Robl, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve a budget transfer of \$15,000 to construct a magnesium chloride tank system at the Highway Department facility. Motion carried 4-0. Chairman Robl signed the budget transfer.

A WisDOT project on the US 10 Corridor was discussed. Commissioner Winters distributed copies of the project which is currently in the study phase. The project will run from Midway Road to STH 114 in Winnebago County, then easterly on STH 114 into Calumet County. The intersection of US 10 and STH 114 will be reconstructed, possibly into a roundabout and include a multi-use path or bike lanes. This project is only in the preliminary study phase. The plans will be completed and shelved until funding becomes available.

General Operations:

- The Highway Department was recently informed by the State Patrol that some of their trucks hauling asphalt were overweight according to the scale built into the US 41 causeway. The causeway scale and the scale located at the asphalt plant both showed different total weights. The department is currently looking at the trucks to see if any adjustments can be made.
- Commissioner Winters stated there will be a ground-breaking ceremony held this Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. for the STH 441 project. Work to begin prepping for the new bridge structure will begin soon.
- According to the bids received by the WisDOT, salt prices for the upcoming winter season have risen by \$9.00 per ton.
- Commissioner Winters stated that the Highway Department is falling a bit behind on their road projects due to the continuous rainy conditions.
- The TIME (Traffic Incident Management Enhancement) newsletter was distributed. Commissioner Winters has been invited to sit on a panel for incident management. The group includes members of law enforcement, fire, EMS, towing, and highway departments to coordinate their services for emergencies.
- Commissioner Winters distributed the latest issue of the Crossroads newsletter to the Committee members. He stated the newsletter contains a story regarding alternative fuels, including the use of compressed natural gas being used by the City of Oshkosh.
- Commissioner Winters showed a picture of the old Eureka Bridge gearing that was taken before it was torn down and reconstructed. The photo has been submitted by R.A. Smith into the American Society of Civil Engineers international bridge photo contest and was chosen as one of the viewer's choice finalists. If selected it will be featured on a photo calendar.
- Supervisor Warnke stated that he has been doing some research on the Tri-County Ice Arena rental and maintenance issues. He told Commissioner Winters if the Highway Department does the snowplowing this winter they should keep track of their expenses and they will be reimbursed.
- Supervisor Egan asked what the status is on the remnant parcel of land along CTH D that was discussed at a previous meeting. Commissioner Winters stated the adjacent property owner has shown no further interest in the land. Mr. Egan suggested that the Commissioner call the property owner to see if they still wish to acquire the property. Supervisor Egan stated he feels it's in the County's best interest to get these types of properties back on the tax roll if the County has no use for them.

Chairman Robl stated the next regular meeting will be held on July 7, 2014.

A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.  
The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer  
Highway Secretary