

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: July 2, 2012

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

EXCUSED: Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: Guy Hegg, District 27

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 11, 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 time. Guy Hegg stated he was attending today's meeting to learn about the project in the town of Menasha.

Commissioner Winters reported that last week he met with Town of Black Wolf Chairman Frank Frassetto regarding the CTH I and CTH N intersection drainage issues and possible roundabout. Mr. Winters advised the committee that the town of Black Wolf had a drainage study performed at their cost. Mr. Frassetto informed Mr. Winters that many local residents do not want a roundabout constructed at that location. Commissioner Winters stated that he will investigate to see if the locals support it, or if not what alternative options are available. Mr. Winters stated the WisDOT does not have good criteria available to decide if a roundabout is warranted but stated the CTH I project has already been designed to include one at its intersection with CTH N. Supervisor Egan asked how much money has been spent to date on the design work for the CTH I project. Mr. Winters stated he would bring this item back to a future meeting with those details.

Commissioner Winters stated that the Town of Menasha is contemplating a project located at the intersection of CTH CB and American Drive. The project would consist of intersection improvements, crosswalk, pedestrian controls, painting the sidewalk areas, etc. Since CTH CB is a county highway the town would be required to obtain a permit to work within the right of way. Supervisor Albrecht stated that he would be in favor of giving them permission to perform work adjacent to county right of way but only after a written agreement is made stating that the improvements are for their residents and the Town of Menasha will pay the costs. Commissioner Winters stated he will bring this item back to a future meeting after he gets more information from the town.

The town maintenance agreements were discussed. Commissioner Winters stated that since the Highway Department has a good working relationship with most of the towns in the county he would continue with the maintenance agreements that have been used in the past unless the committee members have an objection. He stated the agreements will be processed and mailed out in the next month or so for 2013.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters stated he will be attending the next County Board meeting where they'll be discussing the CTH G bridge project.
- Commissioner Winters reported that the CTH T project is coming along well and is on budget to date. He stated that the paving could commence by the end of July.

- The Fox Valley Technical College is anticipating building a new campus on CTH BB at Two Mile Road for police and fire training. The college hired a consultant to perform a traffic analysis on the area. The Highway Department will look at the project to determine what permitting is necessary on CTH BB. There will be no cost to Winnebago County for this project.
- Commissioner Winters stated that East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission will be holding a kick-off meeting on July 19th for the bicycle/pedestrian study. He stated that he will be unable to attend that day but provided the committee members with the location information if they wish to attend.
- Commissioner Winters stated that the Federal Highway Transportation Bill was passed recently. He stated that is good news meaning bridge funding will be protected and the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) will still exist as is.
- Due to the extreme hot weather lately, several of the lift bridges in the area are experiencing operating difficulties. WisDOT personnel have been working on the issues but may have to institute limited bridge openings.
- Supervisor Egan stated he received a letter from the WisDOT informing him that STH 116 will be reconstructed next year from Hwy 91 to the City of Omro.
- Supervisor Hamblin inquired about the status of overloaded trucks damaging county highways. He asked if the pavement should be beefed up and bridges built with a higher service level. Commissioner Winters stated that bridges are typically designed at 125% but currently counties are trying to control the damage by enforcement. Commissioner Winters is in the process of adjusting the ordinance to allow him greater enforcement in the future.

The next regular meeting will be held on July 16, 2012.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin, seconded by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary