

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: August 1, 2011

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Ken Robl, Highway Committee Chairman
Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member
Tim Hamblin, Highway Committee Member
David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member
John Haese, Highway Commissioner

EXCUSED: Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: Jan DeKeyser, Town of Neenah

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 A.M. A motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin, second by Supervisor Warnke to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2011 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 Haese reported that the following requests were received from local municipalities for 2012 Bridge/Culvert Aid under State Statute 82.08:

- Town of Utica – Job Road - 60” arch x 26’ culvert estimated at \$5,200.
- Town of Clayton – Pioneer Road north of Medina Junction Rd. – 36” concrete pipe estimated at \$40,000.
- Town of Wolf River – North Road estimated at \$15,000 and Archer Road estimated at \$20,000.

Commissioner Haese stated that the Town of Clayton requested to install the culvert pipe on Pioneer Road utilizing their own workforce. He noted that the department he would allow them to install the culvert, but only after pre-installation elevations are recorded by the Highway Department. This will ensure that the pipe was placed at the correct depth during construction. A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve the Town Bridge/Culvert Aid Projects for 2012 as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

The CTH P Project was discussed. Commissioner Haese reported that there is currently a bid out for removal of the concrete pavement and curb and gutter on the CTH P structure in the Town of Menasha. Once the contractor completes the removal of the concrete materials, county forces will place aggregate material and resurface the bridge approaches with asphalt. Mr. Haese has recently spoken with WisDoT personnel who are involved in planning the STH 441 expansion project. They have assured him that there will be no changes to the structure related to the new STH 441 project. The work is expected to be complete by September 2011.

Commissioner Haese reported on the Dawes Street parking lot project. He stated the project contained many items that had to be bid out including storm sewer installation, concrete placement and finishing, grading of aggregate base, concrete sealing, landscaping, fencing and associated removals. The Highway Department will remove the asphalt surface and sub grade as needed. After the preliminary work is completed the department will resurface the lot and apply new pavement markings. New landscaping and lighting will be installed and the project should be complete by late fall.

Damage to local roads by contractors involved in the USH 41 expansion project was discussed. Commissioner Haese stated that there has been extensive damage to some of the county roads used to haul material for the USH 41 project. He stated prior to the inception of the project his department video logged CTH's T, Y, GG and S for proof of their condition. Commissioner Haese noted one area badly damaged to date is CTH GG, which is showing severe alligator cracking. He stated that he has been in contact with the WisDOT, Northeast Asphalt and Michels Materials to bring this to their attention. Jan DeKeyser, Town of Neenah, stated they also have severe damage on some of their town roads from the haul vehicles. She stated the town also logged their roads prior to the project. Commissioner Haese stated that although the contractor is required to carry a bond for any damage to local roads it often proves difficult to get them to relinquish the compensation. Ms. DeKeyser asked Commissioner Haese to keep her informed regarding receiving compensation, and then left the meeting.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Haese informed the committee members that Al Geurts, Outagamie County Highway Commissioner has resigned as president of the WCHA.
- As of July 27, 2011 the Highway Department has expended 60% of their total 2011 budget. Mr. Haese reported that on a positive note the Highway Department has recently received more requests to perform work for the towns.
- Commissioner Haese distributed worksheets to the committee regarding the 2012 budget. He stated the Highway Department was required to contribute \$572,133 from the County Road Maintenance Budget back to the General Fund. This is nearly triple what the department has provided in previous years to offset the tax levy. Mr. Haese stated he will go over this topic again at the next highway meeting after the committee had time to review the worksheets.
- The proposed satellite shop in Winchester will be presented to the Personnel & Finance Committee this week and if approved will go before the full County Board later this month. The estimated total for the shop is \$426,000.
- Chairman Robl inquired about the water issue on CTH E. Mr. Haese stated that he sent a letter to the Town of Algoma Sanitary District inviting them to a meeting to discuss the issue.
- Supervisor Warnke stated he was called by a constituent regarding the traffic lights by the museum where both ways were flashing red and he was nearly in an accident. Commissioner Haese informed him that area is located in the city so he should contact the City of Oshkosh Public Works Department.
- Commissioner Haese informed the committee that he intends to resign from his position as Winnebago County Highway Commissioner effective December 8, 2011. Mr. Haese stated that he informed the County Executive that he intends to retire in December and that he presented his resignation to Mr. Harris as of last week. Highway Department staff has also been informed of his decision.

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

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary