

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: August 6, 2012

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

EXCUSED: Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: Lt. William Anthes, Winnebago County Sheriff's Office

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 A.M. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve the minutes of the July 16, 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.

Commissioner Winters distributed information that was compiled by a law firm retained by Ozaukee County regarding ACT 32 and its ramifications. In summary it states that a county may not perform highway improvement projects with their own forces on a highway in another county. A county may continue to do maintenance work within their or any other county. ACT 32 also states no county can build a highway improvement project on a road owned by a city or village within the county with a population greater than 5,000 unless the municipality does not receive a responsible bid. Commissioner Winters stated that the wording in ACT 32, including what is considered an "improvement", needs clarification and discussions are ongoing. He stated that to date no legal challenges have been made against ACT 32 and he believes there are some counties who continue operating as they had before the law was passed. Supervisor Warnke stated he believes the law should be challenged and until then each county should have to abide by it. Commissioner Winters also provided a Budget Summary Analysis provided by Ozaukee County stating that General Transportation Aids for 2012-2013 went down, State Highway Maintenance funding should increase, and outlining the new bidding requirements.

The Town Maintenance Agreements for 2013 were discussed. Commissioner Winters stated that his staff is in the process of preparing the contracts and they will be mailed out shortly to the towns who have participated in the past. Commissioner Winters stated he has spoken with most of the towns to make them aware that the department is available to perform work for them if they choose.

Commissioner Winters distributed a packet regarding hauling overweight loads and the possible fees that could be implemented. For example he stated that Wood County has a fee of between \$.13 - \$.40 per ton/per mile for hauling frac sand. Other options include posting a bond, or having an agreement to pay an impact fee for damages. Commissioner Winters stated these fees are hard to enforce and collect. Supervisor Hamblin suggested contacting Wood County to see how it is working for them. This topic will be discussed again at a future meeting.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters stated ECWRPC had their kick-off meeting last week regarding the bike study. He stated they are putting a steering committee together and will do surveys, counts and mapping. A public informational meeting will be held this fall.

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- Commissioner Winters stated that when Rockwood Lane in the Town of Neenah was constructed it was nonconforming and not up to town standards. The adjacent property owner, Harrison Sturgis, may now be interested in developing the area. The Highway Department and the Town of Neenah will require the access be upgraded, including adding acceleration and deceleration lanes to become a town road.
- Commissioner Winters will be meeting soon with representatives of Kwik Trip to view their plans regarding building compressed natural gas stations in the area.
- The CTH T project is progressing well. The first layer of binder material will be done soon, to be followed with the surface mat.
- Milling of CTH M began today.
- Chairman Robl questioned if Outagamie County still intends to do a project at the intersection of CTH CB/BB. Commissioner Winters stated they are working on the design and right of way plat, and engineers are still looking at the intersection.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary