

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: August 20, 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
Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member
Ernie Winters, Highway Commissioner

ALSO

PRESENT: Harrison Sturgis, Jr., Town of Neenah resident

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 August 6, 2012 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0. Supervisor Albrecht joined the meeting.

Chairman Robl asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address any agenda items at this time. Harrison Sturgis stated he was attending today's meeting to see what agenda item #3 (County Trunk Highway Access Control Ordinance Revisions) entails, and assumed the committee was going to change the rules of the game at this time.

Commissioner Winters stated agenda item #3 does not affect Mr. Sturgis in particular, that he is merely cleaning up some of the language on Ordinance 7.14. Mr. Winters stated what he sent to the committee members to review is a draft of the ordinance that he is continuing to update. He also stated that he is trying to make the ordinance language more consistent throughout and easier for the department to administer. He stated the department is currently following the existing ordinance as written, and that if any major changes are made they would have to go before the county board for approval. Supervisor Albrecht inquired if there will be any language incorporated into the ordinance to protect Winnebago County regarding private roads that are not up to standard. Commissioner Winters stated that is a good idea and that he'll include that item. After further discussion, Commissioner Winters thanked the committee members for their input and stated that he'll bring Ordinance 7.14 back to a future meeting for further review and approval.

Commissioner Winters updated the committee on the CTH I design contract amendment. He stated that OMNNI Associates provided him with a contract that amended the scope of service and changed the intersection of CTH I and CTH N from a roundabout to a regular intersection design. Commissioner Winters stated that he will approve the change so they can complete the design and the project can be let to bid in 2013.

General Operations:

- ❖ Supervisor Albrecht inquired if the department has any projects "on the shelf" like they have done in the past should money become available from other sources. Commissioner Winters stated that process worked well and he hopes to continue it but must have money in the budget to do so. Chairman Robl stated CTH G as an example of a project that has been mentioned previously.
- ❖ Commissioner Winters stated he met recently with Airport Department staff regarding potentially sharing equipment between the two departments, primarily during winter months. Supervisor Warnke stated he believed that the Airport would not be able to use Highway Department trucks on the runways because they contained salt which is too corrosive for the airplanes. Mr. Winters stated that discussions will continue to seek opportunities to share equipment and staff when possible.
- ❖ Commissioner Winters stated that the Sheriff Department's new radio project will affect the Highway Department. Mr. Winters stated that he will meet with Sheriff Department staff to ensure that the programming fits Highway Department's needs.

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- ❖ Commissioner Winters stated that he is in the process of drafting Highway Department work rules to take effect when the employee's contracts expire. According to Wisconsin's Act 10, the employees will only be able to bargain for wages. Mr. Winters stated that the process of writing the work rules is difficult because he has not received much direction from Human Resources. Supervisor Warnke asked if the employees are being asked for input since they know the working end and safety aspect of the jobs. Mr. Winters stated he is taking input from the employees.
- ❖ Chairman Robl asked when the bids will be opened for the Eureka Bridge project. Commissioner Winters stated they should be opened in January 2013.
- ❖ Due to the next meeting date falling on Labor Day, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4, 2012.

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

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary