

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: October 15, 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: Walt Raith, ECWRPC
Mike Exferd, Mead & Hunt
John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive

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 October 1, 2012 meeting as written. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address any agenda items at this time. Mike Exferd, Mead & Hunt, stated he stopped in to say hello to the committee members. He offered his firm's assistance if there's anything Mead & Hunt can do for them. Mr. Exferd then left the meeting.

Chairman Robl stated he requested that Walt Raith, East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, attend today's meeting to address the committee. Mr. Robl thanked Mr. Raith for attending. Mr. Raith explained ECWRPC's role in developing comprehensive plans. He explained how the population consensus determines which projects are applied for and ultimately proceeded with. Mr. Raith noted that it is his firm's position that the proposed Oshkosh area West Side Arterial is an important future project. He stated it would be in everyone's best interest to get the corridor mapped to accommodate long range growth and development.

Mr. Raith also explained the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) and the laws that administer it.

Mr. Raith informed the committee and Commissioner Winters that the three-county bike/pedestrian plan is progressing. He stated there have been several workshops held on the topic, and there is a public informational meeting scheduled for December 5th.

The Wisconsin Heritage Parkway was discussed. Several committee members informed Mr. Raith that they have been questioned by constituents regarding the trail. Supervisor Egan asked if a public meeting could be held in this area to be attended by locals. Mr. Raith stated he would look into this. Chairman Robl thanked Mr. Raith for attending today's meeting and he exited.

The Winchester Satellite Facility was discussed. Commissioner Winters stated that while doing the building excavation poor soils were encountered requiring additional removal and more backfill than originally estimated. The site also required additional storm water retention work than originally anticipated. This additional work caused the project to go over budget. After discussion, a motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve a budget transfer of \$40,000 from the Highway Fund to cover the overage. Motion carried 5-0.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters reported that he investigated the school zone safety issue brought up by Supervisor Warnke at the St. Elizabeth Seton School on Oregon Street in Oshkosh. Mr. Winters stated he spoke with City of Oshkosh staff regarding the issue.
- Commissioner Winters reported that there is a website available regarding the US 10 study in Winnebago/Calumet counties. The study for 4.7 miles of US 10 will look at the alternatives to provide safe and efficient transportation through the design year 2035. The site can be accessed at <http://www.dot.wi.gov/projects/neregion/10/index.htm>.

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- Supervisor Warnke stated there will be information provided at the next county board meeting regarding the Highway and Airport Departments cooperating and sharing equipment. Mr. Warnke stated Commissioner Winters did a good job collaborating with the Airport on this study.
- Supervisor Egan stated that someone stole the flashing sign they had installed in the Town of Rushford, pole and all. He stated he is working with Highway Department staff to get it replaced.

The next regular meeting will be held on November 5, 2012.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin, seconded by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary