

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: October 17, 2011

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

ALSO

PRESENT: Pat Wolff, Oshkosh Northwestern  
Kathi Sawall, Town of Nekimi resident  
Chuck Farrey, County Board Dist. #30  
Lt. William Anthes, Winnebago County Sheriff's Dept.  
Ron O'Neill  
Carol Radloff  
Wes Radloff  
Denis Radloff  
Kevin Radloff

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 A.M. A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, second by Supervisor Hamblin to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2011 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. Kathi Sawall inquired if they could ask questions when agenda item #5 regarding the West Side Arterial was discussed. Chairman Robl said they could.

The CTH K Bridge over the Fox River was discussed. Commissioner Haese informed the committee members that last week he sent a letter to Short, Elliott & Hendrickson regarding the funding issues on the bridge project. Since the inception of this project in 2007 costs have risen dramatically. Increased costs can be attributed to a general increase in construction prices and due to the fact that many various state and federal agencies failed to act in a timely manner. According to the WisDOT there are a several options Winnebago County could opt to do to address the funding shortage:

1. Delay the CTH G bridge project and use those funds for the CTH K project. The CTH G Bridge has a sufficiency rating of 37 with extensive decay and section loss, and needs to be replaced.
2. Winnebago County could pay 100% of the additional funding needed to construct the bridge. This option is unacceptable because the increase in costs can be attributed to design changes and permit or approval delays related to various state and federal agencies.

If WisDOT had any indication that the budget increase was going to delay the project they did not communicate it to Winnebago County. The additional funding must be approved by November in order for the project to commence in 2012. If the project gets postponed, Winnebago County will incur additional fees to relocate the mussels that were moved this summer. Commissioner Haese stated he will share the response he gets from his letter with the committee and would like them to keep this information for future reference.

Commissioner Haese updated the Committee on the CTH A project from Indian Point Road to the City of Neenah. Mr. Haese stated that he is disappointed with the progress the design firm has made on this project. Right of way acquisition should have begun in May of 2010. Commissioner Haese stated that this project will be a rural two lane road with a pedestrian trail on the west side. Even though the project may not be built until 2017 or 2018 he wants the right of way acquired so the property owners know how the project may impact their property. The committee suggested extending an invitation to John Rathke at Mead & Hunt to attend the next highway meeting to discuss the progress on the project.

The Highway Committee then allowed any local residents who wanted to speak regarding their opinion related to the proposed West Side Arterial and express their concerns with the Highway Commissioner and the committee.

General Operations:

- The CTH P project is progressing as planned. The excavation is complete and the department hopes to have the concrete poured by the end of this week.
- The Dawes Street parking lot concrete curb and gutter should be poured today. The Highway Department will then prep, pave and do the pavement marking.
- The satellite facility located in the town of Winchester has most of the footings installed. The concrete work will be done so the building can be enclosed before the cold weather arrives.
- The mowing on the state, county and town sections should be completed by the end of this week.
- Commissioner Haese will be meeting with the Town of Algoma later this week regarding the CTH E issue.
- Chairman Robl inquired about the CTH I project. Commissioner Haese stated OMNI is working on the design including a round-a-bout at the intersection with CTH N that could be added in the future if traffic volume warrants it.
- Lt. Anthes of the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department inquired about getting a speed limit sign on Pickett Avenue in the town of Oshkosh where there currently is none. Commissioner Haese informed him the Town of Oshkosh would have to request the WisDOT do a traffic study to determine the appropriate speed for that area.

The next highway meeting will be held on November 7, 2011.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer  
Highway Secretary