WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: November 2, 2015

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Ken Robl, Highway Committee Chairman

Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member Kenn Olson, Highway Committee Member Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member

Ernie Winters, Highway Commissioner

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive

David Jensema, CBS Squared Joe Malenofski, CBS Squared Glenn Armstrong, Town of Neenah

Chairman Robl called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Olson, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2015 meeting as written. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was any public input on the agenda. The gentlemen from CBS Squared gave a brief overview of their firm and stated they are in attendance today to inform the Committee that they are available to help with anything the County may need. The representatives from CBS Squared exited the meeting.

The CTH G Bridge right of way process was discussed. Commissioner Winters stated that three firms submitted proposals for the right of way acquisition process. He distributed a summarization and map to the Committee and discussion followed. Mr. Winters stated there are two properties that right of way will need to be acquired along with some temporary limited easements from utility companies in order for the project to commence. Mr. Winters stated after reviewing the proposals he would recommend hiring OMNNI Associates to acquire the right of way. A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht to approve hiring OMNNI Associates to perform the right of way work on the CTH G Bridge project. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Olson and carried 5-0.

Commissioner Winters updated the Committee on the TAP Grant received for the rural bike and pedestrian plan. The project is a joint effort between the Health, Parks and Highway Departments. The plan that is created will determine where pedestrian paths are needed and tie into plans already in place by the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and the City of Oshkosh. The County Health Department is overseeing the project with input from Parks and Highway. Winnebago County was awarded an \$80,000 grant and the remaining \$20,000 will be paid with County funds. A kickoff meeting will be held soon with the consultant hired to create the plan.

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Commissioner Winters informed the Committee that he is involved with a Work Zone Safety Project. Mr. Winters stated that within a two month period this year three different county workers were killed while working. One worker each from Calumet, Lincoln and Shawano Counties lost their lives while on duty. The work zone safety group will try to determine what can be done differently to protect all county workers including changing the existing laws; reaching out to the media and at Drivers Ed classes; and create a campaign that will be used State-wide. Commissioner Winters stated that the WisDOT needs to participate fully in the goal of making a difference to keep workers safer and to educate the public. He also stated that this topic will be addressed further at the Winter Highway Conference.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters distributed a list of projects that will be under construction in Winnebago County over the next three years. The list includes both County and State projects.
- Commissioner Winters stated that he hosted a TRIP meeting last week. Each of the towns that participate in the program was invited to submit an application and attend the meeting. Projects were awarded to the towns of Omro, Vinland and Black Wolf totaling \$102,000. The City of Menasha will also be getting an entitlement of \$50,000 under the MSIP Program. Supervisor Egan noted that the Highway Department is doing a good job on the Liberty School Road project that the Town of Rushford was previously awarded TRIP funding for.

Chairman Robl stated that the next regular meeting will be held on November 16th. A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer Highway Secretary