

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: December 1, 2014

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive
David Jensema, Joe Malenofski and John Beckfield of CBS Squared Inc.

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 November 17, 2014 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. Commissioner Winters introduced the gentlemen attending from the consulting firm of CBS². The gentlemen informed the Committee of their work experience and gave a brief summary of the types of projects their firm is capable of doing, including their current project expanding the parking lot at the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department. They asked that the Highway Committee keep them in mind for any future work. The members of CBS² then left the meeting.

Commissioner Winters distributed a copy of the letter he wrote to WisDOT Secretary Mark Gottlieb thanking the DOT for the time and effort that has been spent in Winnebago County, specifically on the USH 41 project and now USH 441. He also informed him that the staff at the Northeast Regional office in Green Bay has been very cooperative and good to work with. Supervisor Albrecht stated that Mr. Winters did a good job drafting the letter and made a motion to approve and forward it to the WisDOT. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Warnke and carried 5-0. Chairman Robl and Commissioner Winters signed the letter to be forwarded to Madison.

The WisDOT 2016-2017 Proposed Transportation Budget was discussed. Commissioner Winters distributed an outline that contains significant suggestions for change to the budget. Some of them included combining Federal and State projects; moving mass transit aids into the general transportation budget; and not increasing general transportation aids to the counties. After discussion Supervisor Albrecht suggested inviting local legislators to a future meeting to discuss the State Budget shortfall.

Commissioner Winters distributed copies of the proposed 2015-2019 Highway Capital Improvement Plan. Each of the projects were reviewed and discussed. The county has no major reconstruction projects planned for 2015, but there will be four mill and pave jobs on CTH N, BB, F and Z. There is approximately \$153,000 of CHIP funding available for the CTH Z job. Supervisor Albrecht asked if there are any plans prepared and on the shelf. Commissioner Winters stated that he has several projects ready to go should any funding become available.

Commissioner Winters informed the Committee that he has a meeting scheduled on December 8th with officials from the City of Oshkosh, Town of Algoma, WisDOT, and County Executive Harris to discuss the location of the proposed Oshkosh area west side arterial. The meeting was requested by the DOT to answer some of their questions before they map the STH 21 project. Issues involving environmental compliance will also be addressed by the officials.

General Operations:

- Supervisor Warnke asked if there was anything that could be done to raise the speed limit on Vinland Road from 25 mph to 35 mph. Commissioner Winters stated that road is under the jurisdiction of the town but that he can write a letter to the Town of Oshkosh requesting that they consider raising the speed limit.
- Commissioner Winters updated the Committee on the status of the resolution approving the IoH (Implement of Husbandry) policy. The resolution will be presented to the County Board at their next meeting for approval. Commissioner Winters stated if the resolution is passed the program will be tried as written for one year and then revisited and adjusted if necessary. Supervisor Egan stated that the towns are secure working with Commissioner Winters and have trust in him.
- Commissioner Winters informed the Committee that the department received the new Routine Maintenance Agreement from the WisDOT. The 2015 agreement includes an additional \$200,000 to be used for routine maintenance items on the state highway system next year.
- Highway Department employees will be attending training and a meeting this Wednesday to review winter policies and equipment.

Chairman Robl stated that the next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 15th. A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary