

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: December 3, 2012

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
Ernie Winters, Highway Commissioner

EXCUSED: Dave Albrecht, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: 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 November 19, 2012 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address any agenda items at this time. There was no public input.

The proposed CTH M project was discussed. Commissioner Winters reported that Fond du Lac County is preparing to bid their two-mile section of CTH M for reconstruction. Winnebago County's one-mile section from the Fond du Lac County line north to STH 44 is estimated at 1.2 million dollars. This project will serve to flatten some hills, fix curve alignment, and replace deteriorated pavement. By the two counties bidding the project together it's anticipated the bids will come in more favorable. Commissioner Winters stated he checked with the design engineers about possibly over designing Winnebago County's portion of CTH M to prevent damage from heavy trucks hauling over it. He was informed it would cost approximately an additional \$100,000 to add more base and asphalt during construction to the highway to strengthen it. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Egan to approve the CTH M project for reconstruction in 2013 including the additional base and asphalt. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Warnke and carried 4-0.

John Fink asked if the County will bill the business who does the majority of hauling on the road for the additional material. Commissioner Winters stated that currently there is nothing set up to enable the County to do that. He stated he plans to draft an ordinance in the future that will allow the County to hold parties who damage the road accountable. In the mean time he intends to log the road for damage.

The STH 21 Planning Study was discussed. Commissioner Winters stated that last week he attended a Local Officials Meeting with the WisDOT to discuss the STH 21 project. He stated the WisDOT must now identify necessary right-of-way; prepare an environmental impact analysis, and other documents to allow the project to proceed. In approximately 3-4 years the planning should yield a project. If funding is available the project will then proceed to be built as an expressway from USH 41 to Reighmoor Road. At this time the WisDOT needs to know where the proposed West Side Arterial would connect to STH 21 and what participation the locals might have. Commissioner Winters stated he will discuss the topic with City of Oshkosh officials and keep the committee members apprised.

The WisDOT informed Commissioner Winters that they intend to construct a salt storage facility south of Oshkosh on STH 26. The building will be a 3,000 ton shed with a scale and lean-to to house a loader. The State will incur all costs to build the shed, rent a loader to be stored there for the winter months, and cover all other operational costs. After the structure is built ownership reverts back to Winnebago County. Placing salt at this location will make the department's snow removal operations more efficient on the southern end of the county.

General Operations:

- ❖ Commissioner Winters distributed the recent issue of the WisDOT's "The Connector" newsletter to the committee members. The paper contains information regarding travel and roadway issues.
- ❖ Commissioner Winters informed the committee on several upcoming staff changes. One of the state plow drivers recently announced his retirement. This position will need to be filled as soon as possible with winter weather approaching. The parts foreman will be retiring after 40 years with the department the end of December. This position may be re-written as a parts person and removed from the union. If that change is made it will have to go before the Personnel and Finance committee and the full County Board for approval.
- ❖ Highway department crews are currently performing brushing, installing snow fence, cutting trees and performing some ditching until the snow arrives.
- ❖ Commissioner Winters stated that as of the end of November approximately 76% of the overall budget has been dispersed for maintenance activities for 2012.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin, seconded by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary