

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: December 5, 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: Ernest Winters, Highway Commissioner
Mark Harris, County Executive
John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive
Bob Schmeichel, Town of Neenah Chairman
Lt. Bill Anthes, Winnebago County Sheriff's Dept.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 A.M. Chairman Robl stated the minutes from the November 21, 2011 meeting contained an error stating Supervisor Warnke was excused when he was present. A motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve the minutes of November 21, 2011 once the corrections regarding Supervisor Warnke as being present are made. Motion carried 4-0.

The incoming Winnebago County Highway Commissioner Ernie Winters introduced himself to the committee members. He begins his employment with Winnebago County today. Mr. Winters gave a brief synopsis of his previous job history and thanked County Executive Harris for the opportunity to replace Mr. Haese when he retires. Supervisor Albrecht joined the meeting.

Commissioner Haese stated that the following projects will have the highest priority for Commissioner Winters, the Highway Committee and the County Executive to address in the first few months of 2012.

- CTH M will be an asphalt resurfacing project in 2012. The project limits are from STH 116 to CTH II, and the estimated cost is \$1.2 million dollars.
- CTH H is also an asphalt resurfacing project scheduled for 2012. The project limits are from CTH AH to the west county line (Waushara County). This project is estimated to cost \$1.4 million dollars.
- CTH T is a reconstruction project from CTH Y to CTH G. This project will be funded 100% by Winnebago County except for \$445,000 of CHIP D funds that must be applied for by January 15, 2012. The estimated cost of the project is \$1.7 million dollars. Commissioner Winters will need to have bid documents prepared so that the grading contract can be let to bid in March of 2012. The Highway Department will pave the reconstructed segment of highway.
- The bid letting for the reconstruction of the CTH K Bridge over the Fox River in Eureka has been scheduled for April of 2012. The public will have to be made aware that once construction begins in June 2012 they will have to follow the detour route through the City of Omro in order to access areas south and north of the bridge location. The project should be completed by October of 2012.
- CTH B has some pavement issues to be addressed. This approximate nine mile stretch of roadway was paved in 2009 from STH 116 to CTH D. Commissioner Winters will need to address the issue of material failure related to the asphalt that was purchased from Northeast Asphalt. Commissioner Haese stated that he had been in contact with the material provider and that he was in the process of securing a warranty or funding agreement related to the material issue on CTH B.
- The new satellite facility located at STH 45/CTH II is under construction and should be completed in January of 2012.

- CTH A design and right of way acquisition project. A decision was made to retain the current alignment of the roadway and rebuild a two-lane rural section with a bike/pedestrian trail on the west side. In the future, if traffic volume warrants it, a new four-lane road will be built and the current CTH A will become a town road. Currently the design work has been completed and right of way must be acquired on approximately 140 individual parcels. Commissioner Haese received several price quotes for the work related to the right of way acquisition and he has provided Mr. Winters with the proposals. The acquisition of the real estate is estimated at a cost of approximately \$400,000 - \$500,000.

Commissioner Haese stated he has provided Mr. Winters with all the information he will need regarding the projects noted in the meeting minutes and that he will do a field review of the projects over the next few days.

General Operations:

As of December 1, 2011 the department has approximately \$75,000 of winter maintenance funds remaining and overall, there is a balance of approximately \$201,000 remaining in the highway fund available for the completion of department operations for 2011.

Supervisor Warnke asked Commissioner Haese to update Mr. Winters on the CTH I project. Mr. Haese stated CTH I will be profile milled and have an overlay from CTH N to CTH Z in 2013. If traffic warrants it in the future a round-a-bout could be constructed at the intersection of CTH I and CTH N. Currently that intersection is posted as a four-way stop.

Chairman Robl asked Commissioner Haese to explain the proposed Oshkosh area West Side Arterial to Mr. Winters. Commissioner Haese stated the initial concept is to identify a corridor and get it mapped to preserve the right of way. Commissioner Haese stated nothing further can be done until the City of Oshkosh moves ahead. Mr. Haese informed Mr. Winters that Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. is the design firm handling this project. He also informed him that all the documentation regarding this project is available via electronic form.

Supervisor Hamblin asked Commissioner Haese to inform Mr. Winters of the department's culvert replacement program. Mr. Haese stated that the department does their own asphalt paving on county roads and the year preceding the paving any faulty or deficient culverts are replaced. He stated the superintendents are involved in this process.

Commissioner Haese stated his last day will be Thursday. He thanked the Highway Committee, Mr. Harris, and others for the good working relationship he has enjoyed over the past 13 years while employed by Winnebago County.

The next highway meeting will be held on December 19, 2011.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary