

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: December 19, 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
Ernie Winters, Highway Commissioner

EXCUSED: Dave Albrecht, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive
Lt. Bill Anthes, Winnebago County Sheriff's Dept.
Mike Exferd, Mead & Hunt

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 December 5, 2011 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address any items on the agenda. Mike Exferd, Mead & Hunt, stated he stopped in to wish the committee members a happy holiday season. He also thanked them for past work and stated his firm looks forward to working with Winnebago County in the future. Mr. Exferd then left the meeting.

Commissioner Winters informed the committee that he was contacted by the Mayor of Berlin regarding the CTH K Bridge project in Eureka. The mayor is concerned there may not be enough separation between the water level and the future bridge structure. Mr. Winters stated he will be holding a meeting with the mayor to discuss his concerns, probably in January. In the interim Mr. Winters has requested the WisDOT and project design firm verify the plans and structure height. Mr. Winters stated according to what he's seen the project meets all the standards and elevations necessary and the planned bridge height matches or exceeds the current Omro bridge. Commissioner Winters also informed the committee that he received the signed State Municipal Agreement on this project. The bid letting for the reconstruction of the CTH K bridge is scheduled for April 2012. Construction is planned for June through October 2012.

Commissioner Winters stated the reason he put the 2012 Capital Improvement Projects on the agenda was to understand what is required of him regarding the process of funding projects. Discussion was held regarding the process. Mr. Winters stated he will bring all future funding requirements first to the Highway Committee, then the Personnel and Finance Committee for their approval, and then the full County Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Warnke informed Mr. Winters that he should plan to attend any county board meetings that entail Highway Department funding to field questions from the county board supervisors.

A discussion regarding the 2011 Town Bridge Aid Program was held. Commissioner Winters stated he was contacted by the Town of Clayton requesting to substitute the location of a project that they have already been approved aid on. Mr. Winters stated the new location meets all the standards and will not exceed the approved dollar amount. Supervisor Egan stated he does not see a problem with the town substituting locations as long as they meet all the requirements and the money has been budgeted. Supervisor Hamblin recommended that Commissioner Winters contact the Town of Menasha regarding the status of a large box culvert project on North Lake Street that was previously discussed.

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- Winnebago County has been chosen to host the 2012 Spring Commissioner & Committeemen's meeting. Commissioner Winters stated he will be bringing this item to the committee in the future with a location, agenda, etc.
- Chairman Robl stated that due to the New Year's holiday the next committee meeting date would need to be changed. The committee decided to schedule the next meeting for Thursday, January 5, 2012.
- Commissioner Winters stated there are two senate bills currently being considered. One would reduce a county's immunity to lawsuits on items other than snow, such as potholes, etc.; the second is regarding the ability of counties and cities to perform work for other entities. Commissioner Winters stated he is in support of continuing the process of performing work for other political entities. The committee members were in agreement.
- Commissioner Winters stated he is looking forward to having a good working relationship with the towns. Supervisor Egan questioned if the highway department will provide bids on projects for the townships. Mr. Winters stated they will. He stated he hopes to maintain the current level of town work or expand it if possible. He also noted that he understands the road builder's point of view and the fact that it may not always make sense to have the department do the large projects.
- To date the Highway Department has a total of \$334,000 remaining in the Highway Fund to complete operations for 2011.
- Commissioner Winters stated he received a copy of the TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) from East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission which outlines the projects eligible for federal funding. He stated if any of the committee members wished to view it they were welcome to do so.
- Supervisor Egan asked if Commissioner Winters had any knowledge of a proposed salt shed to be built by the WisDOT on Planeview Drive south of Oshkosh. Mr. Winters had no information but stated he will contact the WisDOT and inquire about it.

A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary