

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: February 17, 2014

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive  
William Anthes, Winnebago Co. Sheriff's Dept.

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 February 3, 2014 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. Supervisor Albrecht joined the meeting.

The reconstruction project at the intersection of CTH I and CTH N was discussed. Commissioner Winters stated that this intersection was originally planned as a roundabout but has been changed to a standard at-grade intersection. The project will consist of widening and adding some turn lanes. The drainage in the area will also be upgraded to meet capacity. The Town of Black Wolf chose not to participate in the project even though Commissioner Winters informed them it would be the ideal time to replace their aging box culvert. Commissioner Winters stated this project will be presented to the County Board in March for approval. If funding is approved the project will commence this summer. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Warnke to approve a budget transfer funding the reconstruction of the CTH I and CTH N intersection. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Hamblin and carried 5-0. Chairman Robl signed the budget transfer.

The Committee and Commissioner Winters discussed the interviews held at the previous meeting regarding design services for the CTH N Bridge Project. Commissioner Winters distributed copies of his notes and scores from the interviews. He stated that based on his findings he would recommend Gremmer & Associates be hired to perform the design work, although all three were good firms. The Committee discussed the presentations and proposals submitted by the three design firms. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Egan that his first choice would be to hire Gremmer & Associates to design the CTH N project, with Donohue Associates as his second choice. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Hamblin. The committee voted by voice vote. Voting Aye: Robl, Egan, and Hamblin. Voting Nay: Albrecht and Warnke. Motion carried 3-2.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters stated that the WisDOT sent a letter of guidance advising the department to start conserving salt. They instructed the department to reduce the amount applied from 300 to 200 lbs. per lane mile on less traveled state highways like STH 21, 26 and 44 with the exception of bad areas or in emergency situations. Class A highways like USH 41 will continue to receive the same treatment as before. Mr. Winters stated at this time Winnebago County has an adequate amount of salt on hand.
- The department received notice that the State issued a removal order of a sign along USH 41 near STH 21. If the property owner does not remove the sign the Highway Department may be instructed to remove it.

- Commissioner Winters reported that the State of Wisconsin will have approximately 50 million dollars of undesignated funds available. Per the recommendation of Assembly Bill 704 and Senate Bill 539 the remaining funds will be used for state highway rehabilitation work.
- Commissioner Winters stated there is also a bill in the legislature to provide an emergency weight limit increase for fuel delivery based on the recent propane shortage. Supervisor Warnke inquired what the status is of the vehicle propane project. Commissioner Winters stated that he spoke with the Sheriff's Department last week and due to the propane price fluctuations this project is on hold until further notice.
- WisDOT will be hosting a Local Officials Meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup> at the Highway Department offices. The subject of the meeting is the STH 76 project from CTH GG to Breezewood Lane.
- WisDOT will be hosting a meeting tomorrow, February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Highway Department regarding the USH 41 overpass reconstructions of CTH GG and CTH Y.
- Supervisor Egan stated that the recently resurfaced STH 116 from STH 91 to Omro is all bumps again, just as rough as it was prior to the resurfacing. Mr. Egan stated he believes that because the state chose to leave the concrete under the asphalt the bumps reappeared. He also stated that there is a big bump on CTH M near Osborne Road that may require a sign.
- Chairman Robl informed Commissioner Winters that the parking lot at the courthouse has some large cracks that should be addressed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer  
Highway Secretary