

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: July 17, 2023

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: David Albrecht, Highway Committee Chairman  
Chuck Farrey, Highway Committee Member  
Donald Nussbaum, Highway Committee Member  
Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member  
Robert Doemel, Highway Commissioner

EXCUSED: Ralph Harrison, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: Paul Kaiser, Finance Director  
Jill Prah, Highway Office Manager  
Sid Opperman, 4608 CTH E, Oshkosh  
Ron Miller, 4638 9<sup>th</sup> St. Rd., Oshkosh  
Helene White, Guest  
Harry Silva

Chairman Albrecht called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Nussbaum to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Albrecht asked for input from the public on agenda items. Sid Opperman stated he is in attendance regarding the CTH E drainage issue. He stated that the water problem in the ditches is getting worse, beyond just the weeds, but includes damaging the culverts. He feels the area needs to be tiled. Ron Miller, another resident from the area, stated his side of CTH E needs cleaning. He stated there is constant running water every day and that the culvert is rotted out. Harry Silva stated he feels the area needs to be tiled also, and then the neighbors will work together to keep the area mowed. Helene White stated that their basement flooded several years ago, which forced them to add an additional sump hole and it runs continuously all year long.

Commissioner Doemel stated that there are no answers to the drainage issues along CTH E. He noted that the department has mowed the area, but he doesn't know what other options are available unless the committee members wish to pursue the matter legally. He noted that there are many other areas in the county that have similar issues, and they will all have to be treated equally. He stated if tile were to be installed, it would have to be protected when utilities are installed. Supervisor Farrey asked if the money can be found to install tile at this location along CTH E. Supervisor Egan stated that it sounds like the ditch needs to be cleaned out. He asked if the culverts are being inspected. He also questioned if Spirit Funds could be used for this project. Supervisor Nussbaum asked if a tile vendor could be called in to give an estimate. Commissioner Doemel stated that previously two vendors went to the area but had no interest in the project. It was noted that Commissioner Doemel could speak with the County Executive regarding funding. It was determined that an engineering firm would be necessary to complete a study, and this would have to go through the bidding process.

The jurisdictional transfer of CTH K from S. Oakwood Road to Clairville Road was discussed. Commissioner Doemel stated that a boundary agreement held by the City of Oshkosh for these locations recently expired. The City of Oshkosh would have jurisdiction of CTH K from S. Oakwood Road to Clairville Road and parts of Clairville Road. Commissioner Doemel stated it might in the County's best interest to transfer it since Carl Traeger School has voiced safety concerns in the past, and the more the area gets built up, the more expensive it is to buy right of way. Before this section of CTH K can be transferred to the city, they are requesting some maintenance of the road, including repairing some of the concrete joints. Supervisor Farrey inquired the cost for making these repairs. Commissioner Doemel stated that it depends on which product is used to fix the joints. After discussion, a motion was made by Supervisor Farrey to approve the jurisdictional transfer of CTH K from S. Oakwood Road to Clairville Road between Winnebago County and the City of Oshkosh, as long as the road maintenance costs do not exceed \$25,000 before it is turned over. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Egan and carried 4-0.

Lowering the speed limit on CTH I from W. Waukau Avenue to Hartland Road was discussed. To meet the required width of the proposed highway, the speed limit will have to be reduced. To keep the current design intact, Commissioner Doemel is asking to lower the speed limit, so no additional right of way needs to be acquired. A motion was made by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve lowering the speed limit on CTH I from W. Waukau Avenue to Hartland Road from 45 mph to 40 mph. Motion was carried 4-0.

Paul Kaiser, Finance Director, stated the resolution added to today's agenda is to approve additional funds to complete the CTH T/Pioneer Road project. The Highway Committee approved \$220,000 at their last meeting but wanted further clarification. Commissioner Doemel was about to explain where the funding came from when Supervisor Farrey made a motion to lay this item over until their next meeting. Supervisor Nussbaum seconded. The motion carried 3-1, with Supervisor Egan voting no.

The following were reported as general operations:

- The paving on CTH II is nearing completion. The crews will then be moving to CTH F and CTH JJ.
- One of the new tri-axle trucks is nearly complete and should be received shortly.
- Commissioner Doemel encouraged the committee members to walk out into the breakroom after the meeting to view the menu board. He stated it has been a great addition to the department and thanked them for approving that purchase.
- Supervisor Egan asked what the status is of CTH E in Rush Lake. Commissioner Doemel stated this is another example of other areas that have drainage issues with no funding to correct. He stated a hole could be dug in the resident's yard, but it would fill with barn waste. Supervisor Farrey suggested the department clean out the ditch.

The next meeting of the Highway Committee will be held on August 21, 2023.

A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Chairman Albrecht to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer  
Administrative Associate