

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: March 15, 2010

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Ken Robl, Highway Committee Chairman
Joanne Sievert, Highway Committee Member
Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member
Tim Hamblin, Highway Committee Member
David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member
John Haese, Highway Commissioner

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive
Todd Christopherson, Winnebago Co. Sheriff's Dept.
Kathi Sawall, Town of Nekimi citizen
Jan DeKeyser, Town of Neenah
David Weiss, Town of Neenah

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin, seconded by Supervisor Sievert to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2010 committee meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was any input on any agenda items by the public. There was no input from the public.

Commissioner Haese stated that he was informed by the design firm of Mead & Hunt that it would cost approximately \$800,000 each to construct roundabouts at the intersections of CTH A with Indian Point Rd., CTH G and CTH GG. An additional cost to the original contract for the CTH A project would be necessary for the design work to be completed as part of the design process.

Supervisor Sievert stated she does not see the warrant to spend the additional funds for roundabouts. Commissioner Haese stated that while it may not seem necessary at this time, roads should be built to accommodate the future and according to the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, traffic along CTH A will increase in the future. He also stated that within 20 years the City of Neenah will most likely have expanded to encompass the intersection with CTH G.

Supervisor Albrecht questioned what Commissioner Haese would recommend regarding these three intersections. Commissioner Haese stated he would like to talk to the design consultant to determine how much of an issue the pedestrian/bike path would have on traffic at the CTH GG intersection, and whether the City of Neenah would be willing to participate in funding the CTH G intersection construction. Supervisor Hamblin questioned what the construction cost comparison is between a conventional intersection vs. a roundabout. Commissioner Haese stated he will bring those figures, along with the traffic counts on CTH A to the next meeting.

Supervisor Albrecht questioned if spending the additional funds was the right thing to do. He compared it to the government spending education funds for other purposes and stated someone has to make the decision as to what the priorities are. Mr. Albrecht also stated he feels the federal government should have to provide a six-year plan stating how much funding will be available so units of government can plan accordingly. Commissioner Haese suggested they begin that task through the legislative committee.

The CTH F resurfacing project from the City of Omro to CTH D was discussed. Commissioner Haese stated that borings and soil borings were previously performed in the proposed project area. The current roadway consists of deteriorated concrete under approximately 5-7" of cold and hot mix asphalt. He stated that the deteriorated concrete slabs under the asphalt are "block" cracking and shifting, which is causing the pavement above to crack and deteriorate. Commissioner Haese stated that the road should have a total reconstruction to correct the sub grade, base and drainage problems, but reconstruction could cost approximately \$1.3 million. The ADT on this segment of CTH F is approximately 300 vehicles per day and therefore would not warrant the cost of total reconstruction.

Commissioner Haese stated that the resurfacing planned for 2011 will improve the ride and the surface should last from 20 to 25 years. He stated that within a few years the block cracking of the surface will reappear because of the concrete and poor sub grade.

A motion was made by Supervisor Sievert, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to proceed with Commissioner Haese's recommendation to resurface CTH F from the City of Omro to CTH D in 2011 for a cost of approximately \$700,000. The motion carried 5-0. Supervisor Hamblin asked if there are any culverts to be replaced on CTH F, and if so they should be replaced prior to the overlay next year.

At this time, a motion was made by Supervisor Sievert to convene into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(e), Statutes for the purpose of conducting specified public business in that competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, specifically, negotiation and sale of public properties, specifically Tax Parcel 008052701, 008052709, 008052708 and 00847040. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Hamblin. Roll call vote: Supervisor Sievert, aye; Supervisor Robl, aye; Supervisor Hamblin, aye; Supervisor Albrecht, aye; Supervisor Warnke, aye. Motion carried 5-0. The Committee went into closed session.

At 10:15 a.m. a motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Sievert to reconvene in open session. Roll call vote: Supervisor Sievert, aye; Supervisor Robl, aye; Supervisor Hamblin, aye; Supervisor Albrecht, aye; Supervisor Warnke, aye. Motion carried 5-0.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Haese informed the Committee that to allow room for a roundabout to be built at the intersection of CTH T and CTH GG, Ayres Associates is investigating the cost of acquiring the property on the northeast quadrant. The home would be razed to accommodate the roundabout.
- The 2010 navigation season will run from Friday, April 23rd to Sunday, October 10th. The bridge operating hours are 8:00 a.m. to midnight with the exception of high traffic times when openings are restricted. The restricted hours are 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; 12:45 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.; and 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Supervisor Warnke asked if there were any updates on CTH AP. Commissioner Haese stated that a future utility installation project is constructed may reveal several of the issues that the county had with the method of construction on the CTH AP project.
- Supervisor Warnke questioned if the Eureka Boat Landing project is moving forward. Commissioner Haese stated that item is included on the County Board agenda for tomorrow night. He stated that the Parks Department will have \$100,000 of funds available for the project if approved by the county board. The funding would be sufficient for the Highway Department to excavate and improve base material as well as drainage work and repaving the parking lot.
- Supervisor Hamblin stated it is Open Records Week and asked if the county has road project totals, and vehicle purchase prices available to the public. Commissioner Haese stated that Winnebago County participates in the Demandstar program, and any inquiries should be addressed through the Purchasing Department.

The next regular meeting will be held on April 5, 2010.

A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.