

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: May 25, 2010

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

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

ALSO

PRESENT: Mark Harris, County Executive
John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive
Kathi Sawall, Town of Nekimi resident
Richard Johnston, Town of Clayton
Mike Exferd, Mead & Hunt Inc.
Craig Quick, Winnebago County Sheriff's Dept.
Jen Folske, Town of Nekimi resident
Terry Klingenger, Town of Clayton

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2010 committee meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was any input on any agenda items by the public. There was no input on agenda items. Mike Exferd, Mead & Hunt Inc., addressed the committee members. He offered his firm's assistance should they have any questions or issues regarding current or future projects. Mr. Exferd left the meeting. Supervisors Albrecht and Warnke entered the meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the possibility of Winnebago County initiating a jurisdictional transfer of that segment of CTH T from Pioneer Road to CTH II to the Town of Clayton (totaling 1.58 miles). The Town of Clayton would then transfer ownership of Pioneer Road from CTH T to CTH II to Winnebago County (.79 mile). Mr. Johnston, Town of Clayton Administrator, stated he sent notification to area residents and business that would fall within these boundaries. He stated some residents may object to losing trees should right of way need to be acquired in the future for the expansion of CTH T. The Town of Clayton staff has concerns with Northeast Asphalt damaging the road while crossing between their pit and production plant on CTH T. Commissioner Haese stated he will investigate the tree issues and will contact Northeast Asphalt to secure an agreement in which they would agree to maintain the area from their driveway entrance to CTH II. Mr. Johnston stated he will address the town board again in order to inquire as to what updates to the current CTH T in Larsen would be expected to be addressed by the county for this jurisdictional transfer. This item will be addressed at a future meeting.

The CTH K Bridge project over the Fox River was discussed. Commissioner Haese was notified by the design consultants that the protected species of mussels that have been identified as being in the Fox River under the bridge will have to be relocated at a cost of approximately \$55,000. The funding for the mussel relocation will be split 80/20% or \$41,600 of Federal dollars, and \$13,400 county funds. After discussion, a motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve a budget transfer of \$55,000 for the CTH K Bridge Project. Motion carried 5-0.

A discussion was held regarding the approval of two culvert replacements in the Town of Clayton along Woodenshoe Road. The town is requesting \$44,134.91. State statutes specify that the town is eligible for \$26,737.46 of funding through the bridge/culvert aid program. After discussion, a motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve \$26,737.46 for culvert aid to the Town of Clayton. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Haese stated he would like to have a policy requiring the highway department install all culvert pipes utilizing bridge/culvert aid per state statutes. Commissioner Haese explained how the cost sharing works. The policy would also include exceptions for new construction that may involve contractor installations. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Egan to have Commissioner Haese draft a policy requiring the Winnebago County Highway Department to install all culvert pipes utilizing the bridge/culvert aid. The policy draft must be mailed to the committee members for their review prior to the committee meeting in which a vote to approve the policy is scheduled. Motion carried 5-0.

General Operations:

Commissioner Haese explained the 2010 WisDoT mowing policy which reduces mowing medians to once per season. Mr. Harris stated that this was unacceptable and that the county board should be made aware of the situation. Commissioner Haese told the committee that any complaints regarding the mowing policy should be directed to WisDoT in Madison.

Commissioner Haese told the committee that the department is in the process of offering a tractor/mower unit for sale to the Solid Waste Department.

Chairman Robl inquired about the seal coating program for other counties this year. Mr. Haese stated that the department expects to provide seal coating services to the same number of surrounding counties as in 2009.

Count Executive Mark Harris asked the committee to include a future agenda item regarding a county policy on undesignated county highways or private roads that are under the jurisdiction of Winnebago County such as Frontier, Waukau and Butler.

Supervisor Warnke asked about the proposed installation of a four-way stop at CTH I and CTH N. Commissioner Haese informed the committee that he has not approved the installation of the 4-way stop condition at this location as of this date.

Supervisor Hamblin questioned if the department had received a drainage plan from the Town of Menasha regarding their future park project which is located next to CTH CB. Commissioner Haese stated that the department did not require a plan, but he believed that the town had contacted the DNR and the Winnebago County Land and Water Department regarding such permits.

Supervisor Hamblin inquired about the current status of the concrete joint failures on the CTH AP project. Commissioner Haese stated that it appears that the initial joint failures have not increased in number and the problem has subsided.

Supervisor Egan asked when the CTH E resurfacing project will begin. The project is scheduled to commence in July.

Chairman Robl informed Commissioner Haese about a possible concrete blow up at the intersection of CTH A at Snell Rd.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, second by Supervisor Egan to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary