

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: April 6, 2009

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to County Executive
Kathie Sawall
Jennifer Folske
P.J. Smith
Bill Schramm, OMNNI Associates

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Sievert to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2009 committee meeting as written. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Robl asked for public input from anyone who wanted to address any issue on the agenda. There was no public input. Supervisor Albrecht asked if the citizens in attendance were here for any particular agenda item. Mr. Smith stated they were here regarding the proposed west side arterial project. Mr. Albrecht stated that the West Side Arterial is not on today's agenda, but asked Commissioner Haese if there is any status change regarding the proposed project. He has been questioned by constituents regarding this topic as well. Commissioner Haese stated he met recently with representatives from the City of Oshkosh and the Town of Nekimi to discuss a revision to the preferred alternate that the public viewed at a public meeting in 2008. Nothing has changed and there will not be any revisions to the last preferred alternative until a public hearing is held and comments from residents are addressed.

Commissioner Haese reported that after further review it has been determined that the project on CTH M does not meet the criteria for federal stimulus funding under the American Recovery Reconstruction Act. The profile milling and resurfacing project on CTH D from STH 116 to the Waushara County line does meet the criteria and an application has been forwarded to the WisDoT. Commissioner Haese informed the Committee that there is a \$1,000 application fee. If the initial application is approved there is potentially another \$45,000 of funding necessary for consultant fees, surveying and studies.

After discussion the Committee agreed to pursue the Federal Stimulus funding for the CTH D project. A motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin, seconded by Supervisor Albrecht to approve the \$1,000 expenditure from the Highway Fund to proceed with the stimulus funding application for the CTH D project. Motion carried 5-0.

The CTH I project was discussed. The Committee previously approved the firm of OMNNI & Associates to design the project. Project limits are from the City of Oshkosh limits south to the intersection of CTH N. Commissioner Haese stated there could be STP Urban funding available in 2011. At this time \$180,000 is necessary to begin the design process, which includes soil borings, archeological, and historical studies. Supervisor Warnke asked why the project limits stop at CTH N and don't continue south since that part of CTH I is deteriorating also. Commissioner Haese explained that traffic volume on the portion of CTH I south of CTH N is dramatically reduced but did agree that portion is in need of repair. He stated that resurfacing should be done in the next few years on the southern portion. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin, seconded by Supervisor Sievert to approve a budget transfer of \$180,000 for the design of CTH I from the City of Oshkosh to and including the intersection with CTH N. Aye votes were cast by Robl, Hamblin, Sievert and Warnke. Albrecht abstained. Motion carried.

The bridge over the Fox River on CTH K in Eureka was discussed. The City of Omro passed a resolution requesting that the new bridge in Eureka be constructed to provide a 10 foot clearance height to match the bridge in Omro. Commissioner Haese recently met with the project consultant and DNR representatives on site and determined the 10 foot height should be feasible. The project is proposed to include curb and gutter in front of the Post Office as well as a retaining wall. Liberty Street on both sides of CTH K will be closed and a cul de sac will be constructed at the terminus of the street. Commissioner Haese will report back to the committee at a future meeting as the project progresses.

Commissioner Haese updated the Committee on the CTH Y project. Construction is proposed to start on April 13th. The contractor is scheduled to have the concrete paving completed by the end of July.

Commissioner Haese stated the Committee was mailed the agenda and registration for the 2009 Northeast Region Spring Commissioner/Committee Member's meeting. The meeting will be held on May 7 in Suring, Wisconsin.

General Operations:

- The navigation season dates for the Oshkosh and Winneconne Bridges have been set. The season will begin on April 24th and end on October 11, 2009.
- As of April 2, 2009 the Highway Department has expended 72% of their winter maintenance budget. Approximately 25% of their total budget has been expended.

The next regular meeting will be held on April 20, 2009.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary