

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: May 14, 2009

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

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

EXCUSED: Joanne Sievert, Highway Committee Member
David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: Jennifer Folske, Town of Nekimi resident
P.J. Smith, Town of Nekimi resident
Gene Kussart, Donohue & Associates

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 8:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2009 meeting as written. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Robl asked for public input from anyone who wanted to address any issue on the agenda. There was no public input.

Commissioner Haese informed the Committee that after a field review of the proposed CTH I project by members of the Highway Committee that the scope of the project should be changed. The length of the project will remain at approximately 1.5 miles in length, but the urban section of the project will be reduced to .33 miles. The first segment of the project will consist of an urban section that will include an area from north of the Fox Valley Technical School south to Ripple Avenue. The second segment will continue south from Ripple Avenue to the intersection of CTH N. It will continue to be a rural section of roadway, but the existing surface will be removed and overlaid with a new mat of asphalt.

This area may not be fully developed for another 20-25 years. At that time this segment of highway could then be reconstructed to an urban section including storm sewer, curb and gutter etc. The project will also include addressing drainage issues and a proposed roundabout at the intersection at CTH I and CTH N. Since less design work is necessary to accommodate the change in the scope of the project, the engineering costs have been reduced from \$180,000 to \$160,000. After discussion, a motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve a budget transfer of \$160,000 to compensate the firm of OMNNI Associates for design engineering for the CTH I project from the City of Oshkosh limits to CTH N. Motion carried 3-0.

The proposed budget for 2010 capital equipment was discussed. Commissioner Haese distributed a list of equipment he would like to purchase for 2010. They include one each tri-axle and tandem trucks with winter equipment; one trailer; one grader; and one rubber tire excavator. These are all replacement pieces of equipment and total approximately \$1,115,000. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve the 2010 capital equipment purchases as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Haese discussed the need for construction of a satellite highway facility in the USH 10/45 interchange areas in order to improve response time for winter maintenance and emergency situations. Additional space is needed to house seasonal equipment that needs to be protected from the elements. WisDoT has added the additional lane miles on USH's 10 and 45, so employees and equipment should be deployed from a location in closer proximity to those areas. The WisDoT is willing to deed Winnebago County the land adjacent to the current salt shed located at STH 45/CTH II, as long as the land is used for highway purposes. Mr. Haese recently viewed a satellite building in Manitowoc County with five parking stalls and restroom facility that was constructed for \$200,000. He stated a similar building would be sufficient here and would be funded from the Highway fund, with no bond issue necessary. He proposes that the facility be considered a subset of the request for capital equipment funds that was approved by the committee earlier in the meeting. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to proceed with a satellite facility at STH 45 and CTH II. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Haese updated the committee members on the CTH AP project. He stated that he recently met with the WisDOT, the construction engineering firm, and the project contractor who constructed the CTH AP project in order to discuss resolving any issues related to the project. The contractor informed Mr. Haese that they feel confident that the project will meet all specifications and the product will perform as expected by WisDoT and Winnebago County. The joint spalling that occurred in the initial phases of the project has subsided and is not expected to impact the long term life of the road. Commissioner Haese stated the spalling has appeared to have ceased at this time. He stated that Winnebago County will be responsible for approximately \$6,000 or 20% of the disputed costs requested by the contractor to settle the dispute related to this project. The Wisconsin Concrete Paving Association will provide a document of assurance that the work performed on CTH AP will meet its life expectancy. Chairman Robl questioned what that life expectancy is. Commissioner Haese stated he is still awaiting the documentation that will determine what long term life expectancy of the project will be, but that the road should last 50 years. Commissioner Haese stated that he is still concerned about who will be financially responsible in the future if the joints should fail. He is still considering having some minor destructive testing done to determine if the joints will perform as expected before he accepts any warranty or documentation of assurance related to the project.

General Operations:

- Chairman Robl questioned how the CTH Y project was progressing. Commissioner Haese explained that approximately 35% of the excavation has been completed. He stated they are now waiting on the storm sewer contractor to get back on schedule.
- The City of Berlin passed a resolution requesting a ten foot height clearance from the top of the water to the lower elements of the Eureka Bridge when it is constructed in 2011. Commissioner Haese stated that the design height that is planned for bridge will meet the 10 foot requirement.
- Commissioner Haese stated that the May 19th County Board meeting agenda has an item listed regarding the CTH I project. He stated that item should have been deleted. He requested that Chairman Robl explain to the board members that it will be tabled at the May meeting and addressed at the June county board meeting instead.
- Supervisor Hamblin questioned why the State informed them at last week's Commissioner/Committee member's meeting that the price of salt would be going up 27%. Commissioner Haese stated he wasn't sure why they made that statement and that he has not been made aware of the significant increase in material costs at this time.
- Gene Kussart, Donohue & Associates, stated his firm was responsible for the design work on the two bridges in the Town of Black Wolf. They also completed work for other surrounding municipalities in the area. He asked that Donohue & Associates be considered for any future work within Winnebago County.

The next regular meeting will be held on June 1st. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary