

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: June 15, 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 the County Executive; Geoff Kuhn, Town of Nekimi resident; Cindy Duchatschek, Town of Nekimi resident; Jennifer Folske, Town of Nekimi resident; P.J. Smith, Town of Nekimi resident; Mary Gerlach; Ronald Miller, Town of Algoma; Kurt Plechaty, Town of Nekimi resident; Chuck Farrey, Winnebago County Supervisor; Sheila Schoenfeldt, Town of Nekimi resident; Douglas Schoenfeldt, Town of Nekimi resident

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Sievert, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2009 meeting as written. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Robl asked for input from anyone who wanted to address any item listed on the agenda. Supervisor Farrey stated he had a comment regarding the resolutions that will be addressed at tomorrow night's board meeting. Mr. Farrey stated that he feels the proposed urban section road improvement project on CTH I does not address issues including the MS-4, storm water clarity, etc. He also advised the Committee that it will become increasingly harder to comply with state standards if they continue to build urban sections of roadway. Commissioner Haese stated that he was informed by Land & Water Conservation that currently the county is meeting the 20% storm sewer sediment removal rate by sweeping and cleaning debris from the inlets. Supervisor Albrecht stated he invited a representative from the Land & Water Department to attend today's meeting but was told that the county is in compliance.

Chairman Robl asked if there were any further comments by the public. A discussion was held regarding the logic of commenting on an agenda item prior to it being addressed by the committee. Several citizens stated the process seemed to be backwards and asked how they would know if they have comments on an agenda item until it is officially discussed by the committee.

The question was raised as to if the proposed West Side Arterial map has been changed from the one posted four months ago. Supervisor Albrecht stated that the City will have the ability to change the mapped route at any time. Commissioner Haese stated he believes the City of Oshkosh is still trying to get a cooperative agreement with the Town of Nekimi approved by the State of Wisconsin. Therefore, the city is attempting to evaluate and determine a corridor for the West Side Arterial that will cause the least amount of impact to the residents within the mapped area. Several residents from the Town of Nekimi stated that the town chairman was asked to meet with the City of Oshkosh planning staff, but no meeting has taken place. Supervisor Albrecht stated that if Winnebago County did not play a part in this process nobody would be aware of what the City of Oshkosh was doing.

The Town of Nekimi citizens also stated that several fundamental questions regarding the project still remain unanswered, including the need for the proposed road. One of the residents stated that he questioned a large local trucking firm on the need for a west side arterial, and what would make it attractive to the industry. He stated they informed him that if money is spent to construct a north/south arterial it would be more important to find a route around Lake Winnebago. They stated anything lying closer than ten miles to USH 41 would be less efficient and not be used.

Commissioner Haese stated he has no new updates to report on the proposed West Side Arterial. Commissioner Haese explained again that although they are discussing mapping the project now, future development would drive the need for actual construction of a west side arterial highway.

Supervisor Warnke remarked that this issue must be settled as soon as possible. He stated that the residents in the Town of Nekimi should not have to suffer so much anxiety over where the road will be mapped and eventually constructed.

A discussion was held regarding approving a quit claim deed to the WisDOT in the town of Menasha. The deed would be used to square off two existing parcels of land totaling 8,544 sq ft between USH 41 and CTH II on Hoffman Lane. The WisDOT would then deed the property to the adjoining property owner. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve the quit claim deed. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Haese reported that four resolutions regarding the Highway Department will be addressed at the County Board meeting tomorrow night:

- CTH A – reconstruction from Indian Pt Rd. to the City of Neenah as a two-lane rural section of road with a pedestrian trail on the west side. The funding for the right of way acquisition totaling \$276,000 will be part of the 2009 bond issue.
- CTH I – design and reconstruction from CTH N to the City of Oshkosh as a four lane urban section with curb and gutter and storm sewer. Resolution for \$160,000 for the design contract. Supervisor Albrecht asked if this project will affect the property owner on the southeast quadrant. Commissioner Haese stated depending on the right of way necessary it could impact them but typically the radius of a roundabout will fit in the existing footprint of the intersection.
- CTH T – reconstruction of CTH T from CTH Y to CTH G as a rural two lane segment except for the area from CTH Y north to Roberts Lane, which will include a two lane urban section with curb and gutter and storm sewer. Roundabouts will be constructed at the intersections with Y and GG. Resolution to approve the right of way acquisition for \$330,000.
- Satellite Shop – design of a Highway Department satellite shop at the southeast quadrant of STH 45 and CTH II in the town of Winchester. Estimated cost for the design work is \$15,000. Supervisor Albrecht questioned if there is enough money in the Highway Fund to pay the entire \$200,000 project without bonding. Commissioner Haese stated he will speak to County Executive Harris on this matter.

#### General Operations:

- Commissioner Haese reported the CTH Y project is moving along very well. The temporary paving at the railroad tracks has been completed. The excavating should be done by later this week and paving is scheduled to commence the second week of July. Supervisor Hamblin questioned if they uncovered any more poor soil during excavation. Commissioner Haese stated they had not.
- To date the Highway Department has expended approximately 50% of their total budget for 2009.
- Supervisor Hamblin inquired what determination was made regarding saving the county money by purchasing the 2010 trucks before the emission regulations change. Commissioner Haese stated he has to address this item with the County Executive and Finance Director.
- Supervisor Albrecht reported that he was told at the Summer Highway Conference last week by two Highway Commissioners that Commissioner Haese has been very helpful to them by sharing his personal experience and working knowledge related to Highway Department operations, which has helped them in their careers.
- Supervisor Albrecht stated that all future agendas regarding the West Side Arterial should note if there has been any updates since the previous meeting. Supervisor Warnke stated that the City of Oshkosh representatives should be encouraged to attend the next meeting to discuss this matter.

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