

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: July 6, 2009

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

EXCUSED: Tim Hamblin, Highway Committee Member
Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive
Jen Folske, Town of Nekimi
Mary Ellen Gerlach, Town of Nekimi
Kathi Sawall, Town of Nekimi
George Mathwig, Town of Nekimi

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Sievert to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2009 meeting as written. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Commissioner Haese stated that he has been informed that the City of Omro has State Aid (CHIP funds) that they cannot utilize. The towns of Winneconne and Menasha were given the opportunity to acquire the funds but neither had projects available. Winnebago County can apply this additional funding to the CTH B resurfacing project. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Sievert, seconded by Supervisor Albrecht to approve a budget transfer accepting \$5,410 additional State funds to offset the CTH B project costs. Motion carried 3-0.

The proposed CTH I project that was defeated at the June 16, 2009 County Board meeting was discussed. Supervisor Albrecht stated this item may be brought back to a future County Board meeting. He may have Land & Water Dept. staff available to explain the storm water runoff regulations. Commissioner Haese stated Winnebago County is currently meeting the required 20% storm sewer sediment removal rate. Commissioner Haese stated the ADT (average daily traffic) between the City of Oshkosh limits and CTH N is 3,700 vehicles per day. According to East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission the projected future ADT are expected to be 6,000/day by 2020, and 7,000-8,000/day by 2035. Commissioner Haese also stated that federal funds totaling approximately one million dollars should be available in the year 2013 to offset the approximate 2.6 million dollar cost of the project. The federal funds should be adequate to cover the .33 mile urban section from Ripple Avenue to 29th Avenue. Mr. Haese stated the entire road surface is deteriorating and reminded the Committee that CTH I is a main link to the south side industrial park and is used as a detour route during accidents or road closures along USH 41. He also stated that Oshkosh Corporation, the City of Oshkosh, and the Oshkosh Chamber would all be in favor of this project. Chairman Robl stated he thinks this item should be brought back in full before the County Board as it was originally presented.

Commissioner Haese stated he had a discussion with the County Executive and Finance Director relative to the 2010 Capital Equipment purchase. Due to the fact that emission regulations will become more stringent in 2010, Winnebago County can save \$20,000 by ordering two new trucks in 2009 for delivery and payment in 2010. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Sievert to approve the purchase of the new trucks prior to the 2010 budget to save \$20,000. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Albrecht and carried 3-0.

The proposed 2010 Highway Department budget was discussed. Commissioner Haese stated that after applying approximately \$200,000 of CHIP funds towards the projected \$400,000 target tax levy, the remaining balance will most likely be applied from the Highway Fund as has been done in previous years. Supervisor Albrecht asked if the City of Menasha is current on their payments to the department regarding the CTH AP project. Commissioner Haese stated that they are. After discussion Mr. Albrecht requested that Commissioner Haese bring the full detail of the Highway Department proposed 2010 budget to the next meeting for their review and discussion.

General Operations:

- Chairman Robl stated that he received a call from a representative of Cloverleaf Landscaping who reported how accommodating Commissioner Haese has been to his business during the CTH Y project.
- Commissioner Haese stated it appears that Winnebago County has been awarded stimulus funding for the CTH D mill and overlay project. The 11.1 mile project limits are from STH 116 to the Waushara Co. line totaling approximately 2.5 million dollars.
- The CTH Y project will undergo storm sewer work today with paving expected to begin next Monday, followed by the addition of curb and gutter. The main work is expected to be completed by the end of July. Commissioner Haese stated attendees of Lifest beginning this Wednesday should have two gravel lanes to access the Expo grounds. Supervisor Sievert asked if any criteria are set for dust control during the event. Commissioner Haese stated the contractor is responsible to keep the road watered during the work week while construction is taking place. He also stated the main paving should be complete by the start of the Winnebago County fair the first week of August.
- The milling and first mat of asphalt has been applied on the CTH B project. The top mat will be applied in the next week or two.
- The department will begin chip sealing operations for Outagamie, Calumet, Manitowoc, Door and Kewaunee counties next week.
- Mowing is continuing along state, county and town roads.
- As of the end of June the Highway Department has expended 57% of their 2009 budget.
- Supervisor Albrecht questioned Commissioner Haese who was second in command last week while he was on vacation. Commissioner Haese stated that in his absence, Maintenance Superintendent Demler or Jon Groth is in charge of the department.
- Chairman Robl questioned where the City of Oshkosh is acquiring funds for the Snell Road & Fernau Road projects. Commissioner Haese stated he believes the Snell Road project may be funded from stimulus funds and the Town of Oshkosh may be sponsoring the cities Fernau Road project.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Sievert to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary