

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: August 31, 2009

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

ALSO

PRESENT: Jen Folske, Town of Nekimi
Loanne Owens-Flaig, Highway Department Office Manager

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve the minutes of the August 3, 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. Jen Folske inquired if Commissioner Haese had recently received a revised map of the proposed west side arterial plan from the design firm of S.E.H. Commissioner Haese stated that he had not been notified recently of any changes to the proposed corridor location.

The Highway Department proposed 2010 budget worksheet and the following list of changes made by the County Executive were distributed to the Committee:

1. An additional \$50,000 from Highway Fund will be used in 2010 to offset tax levy of the General Fund.
2. Highway Committee expenses will be charged back to the Highway Fund instead of the General Fund.
3. \$200,000 of County Road Maintenance funds will be used to begin a culvert replacement program on county roads, reducing the amount for offsetting long term debt related to paving projects from \$500,000 to \$300,000.
4. Reduction of Highway Fund office supplies by \$1,000.

A lengthy discussion was then held regarding the 2010 budget.

Commissioner Haese stated there is a small parcel of land along Bison Road (old CTH W) that can be transferred to the Town of Winchester. This parcel is approximately 5' x 30' in length and is no longer necessary for highway purposes. A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve the transfer of right of way along Bison Road to the Town of Winchester. Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioner Haese updated the Committee on the following projects:

1. CTH Y – this project should be completed within two weeks. All that remains to be done are seeding and final restoration work.
2. CTH AH – The final surface work on this two mile section project from CTH H to CTH AH is anticipated to be completed this week.
3. CTH B – This project is complete with the exception of some corrections that may need to be completed next spring. The project is under budget at this time. Originally bonded at \$2,060,000 there is \$173,000 remaining to date. If any funds remain at completion of the project they are used to reduce the bond issue.
4. Satellite Facility in Winchester – Since Winnebago County does not allow design build projects, this item may be delayed until the first of the year in order to provide adequate time to identify specifications in the bid documents.

General Operations:

- Supervisor Albrecht questioned how the CTH D project was chosen for federal stimulus funds. Commissioner Haese explained that when the announcement was made that the stimulus funding would be available, very little time was allowed and strict criteria had to be met. Projects on CTH E and CTH M did not meet that criterion. Commissioner Haese had to find a project that would meet design criteria and could meet the application deadline for ARRA projects.
- To date the Highway Department has expended 65% of their total 2009 budget. Supervisor Albrecht questioned if there is any money remaining in the Highway Budget at year's end if it gets transferred to the General Fund. Commissioner Haese stated he believes that only happened once, but that is what has been done in the past.
- Supervisor Albrecht questioned if Commissioner Haese received the letter he forwarded to him from a constituent complaining about debris at the USH 41/STH 76 overpass. Commissioner Haese stated he spoke to the individual and offered alternate routes for them to ride their bicycles. He also informed the gentleman that he would contact the WisDOT to see if they would allocate additional funds to provide more litter pick up in that area.
- Supervisor Hamblin inquired about the condition of the concrete surface on CTH Y that had been damaged by an unexpected rain storm while under construction. Commissioner Haese stated that the area in question has some aesthetic damage, but the overall concrete product should not present any problems in the future. He said that the contractor has resealed the area and gave Winnebago County a performance and workmanship document agreement.
- Supervisor Warnke stated he heard from constituents regarding the dangerous intersection at CTH I and CTH N. Commissioner Haese stated the department recently installed solar powered warning signals to notify traffic of the intersection. Once the roundabout is constructed during the CTH I project it should improve the safety at this intersection.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2009.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary