

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: September 21, 2009

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

Supervisor Tim Hamblin was excused from attending the meeting.

ALSO

PRESENT: Mary Ellen Gerlach, Town of Nekimi
Jen Folske, Town of Nekimi
Loanne Owens-Flaig, Highway Department Office Manager
John Fink, Administrative Assistant to County Executive

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 August 31, 2009 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

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

The Highway Department proposed 2010 budget worksheet and the following list of changes made by the County Executive were discussed by the committee:

1. An additional \$100,000 from Highway Fund will be used in 2010 to offset tax levy of the General Fund. The total amount of funds being transferred from the Highway Fund to offset the 2010 tax levy for the Highway Department is \$356,958.

Commissioner Haese informed the committee that nine of the 11 townships have signed and returned the municipal maintenance contracts for 2010. He also informed the committee that the Town of Utica will not be contracting for winter snow maintenance with the department in 2010. The town will continue to utilize the Highway Department for all other maintenance activities as has been done in the past. Commissioner Haese did contact the Town of Rushford in order to determine if the town would want to enter into a maintenance contract at this time. The Town Chairman told Mr. Haese that they would like to have the department provide the snow removal service, but the town is under contract until 2011 with a contractor for that service.

The committee reviewed changes that were made to the 2010 – 2015 Capital Improvement Projects. Commissioner Haese stated that the County Executive requested that the CIP be adjusted in order to delay some projects because the CTH D project will be undertaken and completed several years sooner than expected due to ARRA funding. County Executive Harris wants to delay some of the proposed highway projects in order to avoid “spikes” or large increases in the long term debt in the near future.

Commissioner Haese informed the committee that he will be meeting with all municipalities on Wednesday September 23rd in order to begin discussions and form committees related to the LRIP (Local Road Improvement Program). The program consists of CHIP, MSIP and TRIP projects that are solicited and approved by WisDoT on a biennial basis.

Commissioner Haese updated the Committee on the following projects:

1. CTH Y – this project is complete and open to traffic at this time. The project may be over budget due to the substantial amount of aggregate that had to be placed throughout the project in order to provide a stable base for the concrete road.
2. CTH AH – The project has been completed and is under budget.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2009.

A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Sievert to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

John Haese
Recording Secretary