

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: November 16, 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

EXCUSED: Tim Hamblin, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive
Bill Schramm, OMNNI & Associates
Jen Folske, Town of Nekimi

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 November 2, 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 input from the public.

Commissioner Haese updated the committee on the CTH M project from Hwy 44 to the south county line. He stated Fond du Lac County is planning for a future project on their segment of CTH M. Mr. Haese said he and Fond du Lac County Highway Commissioner Janke have agreed to coordinate the projects for 2012. Combining both sections of the job should provide more favorable bid prices for both entities. Supervisor Albrecht entered the meeting.

The project on CTH FF and Zoar Road was discussed. Commissioner Haese stated this project was originally scheduled for 2009 but will now be delayed until 2012. Since this project is in close proximity to the above mentioned CTH M project, combining the timing of the projects should again provide a cost savings. Chairman Robl questioned if this is a job that could be performed by county forces. Commissioner Haese stated that due to the fact that it will be a large project in conjunction with the CTH M project, the excavation and earthwork would be done by a contractor. However, it is possible that the Highway Department could do the asphalt paving for the project.

Commissioner Haese updated the Committee on the proposed satellite facility in Winchester. Mr. Haese stated that due to an oversight on the real estate documents at the WisDOT office, the land that is required to build the facility has not been deeded over to Winnebago County yet. The WisDOT is now in the process of submitting the necessary documents to Madison for approval. Commissioner Haese stated he hopes to have all the necessary paperwork in order by the end of December. The land that was originally sited for the facility on Bison Road may be used for a future park and ride if warranted and if the county requests the facility by notifying WisDoT.

Commissioner Haese stated he met with the other Commissioners from the Northeast Region to discuss the CHIP-D funding and projects, with funding of 18.7 million dollars available to the area for this two-year cycle. Mr. Haese stated that since Winnebago County received \$450,000 towards the CTH "B" project he did not apply for this cycle. The next project Winnebago County may qualify for will be the CTH M project in 2012.

Supervisor Albrecht questioned why the department mowed CTH D back so far this year. Commissioner Haese stated the department has a policy to mow from fence line to fence line every two or three years to keep the brush from becoming overgrown.

Bill Schramm, OMNNI Associates stated he was attending today's meeting to thank the Committee for providing his firm the recent project on CTH I. Mr. Schramm stated their staff will make sure the job is done to the standards Winnebago County expects and deserves. He also reminded the Committee of the Winter Highway Conference coming up in January.

Supervisor Albrecht questioned how the department regulates their purchases. Commissioner Haese stated that for equipment and large items the specifications are written by the department, with the actual bid process being handled through the Purchasing Department. He stated that whenever possible purchases are made at local vendors since they provide the tax base that provides funding for Winnebago County.

Commissioner Haese stated that to date the department has expended 83% of their total 2009 budget.

A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Sievert to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary