

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: December 7, 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
Tim Hamblin, Highway Committee Member
John Haese, Highway Commissioner

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive
Mike Exferd, Mead & Hunt Inc.

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 November 16, 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. Mike Exferd, Mead & Hunt addressed the committee in order to thank them for past business. He stated that Mead & Hunt would like to continue the good working relationship between Mead & Hunt and Winnebago County in the future.

Commissioner Haese stated that WisDOT may propose that the Highway Commission transfer right of way on Bison Road to the State of Wisconsin in exchange for right of way located on Hansen Road south of CTH II and east of USH 45. The parcel of land located on Hansen Road is just south of the county's existing salt shed and may be used as a site for the proposed satellite facility.

A discussion was held regarding access issues involving private property located north and west of the CTH II and CTH CB intersection. Commissioner Haese stated that when the first phase of the CTH CB project was constructed the land owner of this parcel was compensated for severing the land from access to CTH CB. Therefore Winnebago County will not review requests to allow access to this parcel of land unless the property owner agrees to reimburse Winnebago County for the original purchase price with interest. Mr. Haese will contact Corporation Counsel in order to address this issue.

Discussion was held regarding a small parcel of land along Bison Road (old CTH W). The current landowner will quit claim the parcel of land to Winnebago County so that the land can then be deeded to the Town of Winchester since Bison Road is now a town road. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Sievert to accept the transfer of right of way along Bison Road from Lucille Winkelman to Winnebago County. Motion carried 5-0.

A discussion was held regarding the previously stated piece of land along Bison Road. If the County Board of Supervisors accepts the Quit Claim deed for the land, the County should then deed the parcel of land to the Town of Winchester. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Albrecht to approve a quit claim deed on the right of way along Bison Road from Winnebago County to the Town of Winchester. Motion carried 5-0.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Haese stated the Wisconsin County Highway Association is planning events to coincide with their 100th anniversary during the June 2011 conference. Presently there is an author compiling information from many of the counties regarding how the highway departments got started. Commissioner Haese distributed copies of an article to the committee members he thought they'd find interesting regarding the history of the Winnebago County Highway Department.
- To date the Highway Department has expended 87.5% of their total budget and 79% of their winter budget. Including today's totals and with the large snow storm predicted for tomorrow evening, Commissioner Haese stated he may have to request additional funds to complete 2009. He will update the Committee at the next meeting on December 21st.
- Supervisor Warnke questioned if Commissioner Haese has been in contact with the Facilities Director regarding having Highway Department personnel raze the old buildings at Pleasant Acres. Commissioner Haese stated he sent correspondence to Mr. Elder, but has not received a reply from him yet.
- Supervisor Albrecht asked if there was any status change regarding the proposed West Side Arterial plan. Commissioner Haese stated he has not received any new information. There may not be additional information regarding the West Side Arterial until the City of Oshkosh Planning Department has new staff in place in the near future.
- Supervisor Hamblin questioned if utilizing Landfill employees for snow emergencies is an option when the Highway Department is short staffed. Commissioner Haese stated that when the solid waste department was under the Highway Department jurisdiction that is what was done. Now that they are two separate entities it could be done, but the two departments would need to discuss the issues and possibilities of coordinating such an effort. Commissioner Haese stated he is still working with Human Resources to find a solution to staffing needs.

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

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary