

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: January 18, 2010

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

Excused: Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive  
Mary Ellen Gerlach, Town of Nekimi resident  
Jen Folske, Town of Nekimi resident  
Kathie Sawall, Town of Nekimi resident

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin, second by Supervisor Sievert to approve the minutes from the committee meeting of January 4, 2010. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Robl asked for any comments related to the public input item on the agenda. Mary Ellen Gerlach asked Commissioner Haese if it was true that contractors who were working on the USH 41 Project were using materials from the proposed West Side Arterial corridor for fill or other uses. Commissioner Haese stated that the corridor has not been identified at this time. Therefore, it would be impossible for contractors who are working on USH 41 to identify or obtain material from any site within the proposed West Side Arterial at this time. However, local citizens who have property that contains material that would be suitable for the USH 41 Project may have been contacted by and offered to sell material to contractors who are interested in finding a source of materials close to the project. There was no other public input at this time.

The committee discussed the current revisions to the Winnebago County Highway Department Five Year Capital Improvement Project. Commissioner Haese explained that he had been requested by the County Executive and the Finance Director to reduce all highway projects in the 2012 to 2015 time frame by \$1.5 million dollars. The commissioner informed the committee that he met the criteria for the reduction in funds by scheduling several construction projects (CTH T and CTH I) to be built in several stages over a period of several years instead of at one time. He also shifted the CTH Z asphalt resurfacing project into 2016, which essentially lowered the amount of funds that would be needed by the department for the 2015 time period.

Commissioner Haese requested that the committee discuss and approve a budget transfer related to the CTH E Resurfacing Project. He explained that the project will commence at the intersection of CTH E and STH 116 and continue south to the Fond du Lac County line, a distance of approximately 12 miles. Commissioner Haese also stated that last year the CTH B and CTH AH projects were 11.5 miles in length (9.5 and 2.0 respectively), which is approximately the length of the entire CTH E project. Those two projects were completed at a cost of approximately \$2,600,000.

He informed the committee that the CTH E project is estimated to cost approximately \$3,216,000. The reason for the additional cost difference between the projects is due to the fact that CTH E is two feet wider and ½ mile longer than the total width and length of the CTH B and CTH AH projects. The CTH E project will also include beam guard installation and road sign replacements. In addition, the cost of the asphalt material has risen since the 2009 construction season. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, second by Supervisor Sievert to approve the funding for the CTH E project. Motion carried 4-0.

The committee then discussed the new state law regarding prevailing wages and how the new regulations may impact the Highway Department. Beginning in 2010 any public works project that is let to bid and costs \$25,000 or more to construct must meet the requirements of the prevailing wage law. Maintenance projects and projects that are done by municipality's own work force is exempt from the prevailing wage law requirements. Commissioner Haese explained that resurfacing projects will certainly fall under the new mandates for prevailing wage law, but seal coating projects that are done for other municipalities are considered maintenance projects and would not be subject to the prevailing wage laws. He also stated that the municipalities are required to contact the appropriate state agency in order to request the prevailing wage rates for any projects scheduled for 2010 that will cost \$25,000 or more.

Commissioner Haese reported that the department has expended 12% of its annual winter maintenance budget at this time. He will inform the committee about any under/overage from the 2009 budget once the accounting for the end of year has been finalized.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin, second by Supervisor Sievert to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M. The next regular scheduled meeting will be held on February 1, 2010.

Recording Secretary  
John M. Haese