

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: January 23, 2017

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Ken Robl, Highway Committee Chairman
Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member
Chuck Farrey, Highway Committee Member
Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member

EXCUSED: David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: Jamey Gosz, Highway Department
Bob Doemel, Highway Department
Tom Wood & Calvin Tollefson, Harris & Associates

Chairman Robl called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2016 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was any public input on the agenda. There was none.

The proposed Ripple Estates access was discussed. Bob Doemel, Highway Department Engineering Technician, stated that he has been involved with this project for some time. Developers are requesting access from CTH I to construct 96 housing units with the potential of adding more in the future. The original option of having the access off of Ripple Avenue was denied by the City of Oshkosh due to the narrowness of Ripple Avenue. The Winnebago County Highway Commission would recommend making the access to CTH I a city street to accommodate the ingress and egress of the increased traffic that will be generated. Mr. Doemel stated that the access request does meet the Ordinance requirements, but to ensure safety he would recommend that access be constructed as a "B1" intersection with a far side bypass lane. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Farrey to approve the access recommendation on CTH I as proposed by Highway Department staff. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Egan and carried 4-0. The representatives from Harris & Associates exited the meeting.

The Committee was informed about some right-of-way remnants along CTH P/STH 441. Mr. Doemel stated that a developer has interest in acquiring some smaller remnant parcels along this corridor. They are working with the City of Menasha and the Village of Fox Crossing. There will be no cost to Winnebago County associated with the property transfer. The developer will pay all associated fees and completing a transfer would get the property back on Winnebago County's tax roll. Mr. Doemel stated that there will be more remnant transfer requests coming. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve this right-of-way transfer as submitted as long as the developer bares all expenses. Motion carried 4-0.

Jamey Gosz informed the committee members that the northbound lanes of STH 441 will have several different closures this summer for construction. During that time traffic will be detoured onto CTH AP.

Mr. Gosz updated the committee on the use of WisDOT's GPS system. The systems installed in the trucks allow the supervisors to monitor where each truck has been, their speed, temperature, how much salt they've used per lane mile, etc. The WisDOT has announced a four-year contract extension and pays the entire costs associated with this system. Mr. Doemel stated this has been a valuable tool for the department.

General Operations:

- Mr. Gosz announced that a new Highway Commissioner has been selected and will be starting on February 15th.
- Supervisor Warnke asked Mr. Doemel about the bridges. Bob gave an overview on the lift bridges located in Winnebago County.
- The status of winter operations was discussed, including the amount of salt used this season so far.

Chairman Robl stated that the next regular meeting will be held on February 6, 2017. A motion was made by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Administrative Associate