

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: February 1, 2016

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Ken Robl, Highway Committee Chairman
Kenn Olson, Highway Committee Member
Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member
Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member
Ernie Winters, Highway Commissioner

EXCUSED: David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: Glen Armstrong, Town of Neenah
John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive
Harry Sturgis, Town of Neenah Citizen
Bill Demler, Highway Dept. Superintendent
Jamey Gosz, Highway Dept. Shop Superintendent

Chairman Robl called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Olson to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2016 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Commissioner Winters gave a presentation showing how the GPS system installed in county trucks work. Five years ago the WisDOT purchased the units and paid to have them installed in several of the department's trucks with the goal of tracking snowplow use, salt consumption, etc. The initial cost was high plus there is an ongoing monthly fee for software and data usage. Mr. Winters stated he is doing this presentation today because one of the County Board Supervisors inquired about making the data available on the county's website. Mr. Winters stated that this could be a very costly undertaking to buy licensing rights for software and is not even sure our county system could support it. He also stated that he spoke with the WisDOT who told him neither they, nor any other cities or counties in the state are providing this as it serves no purpose for the public. After discussion Supervisor Warnke stated he thinks the idea should be dropped since it would be a total waste of taxpayer dollars. Mr. Gosz exited the meeting.

Commissioner Winters gave an update on the recent WCHA Winter Conference. He stated some of the topics discussed were the State budget and elections. He also stated that Transportation Secretary Gottlieb was in attendance at the conference and gave a snapshot of the DOT. Mr. Winters stated that the DOT is moving forward with their PBM program and that Winnebago County will be getting some of the work again this year.

The proposed City/County joint improvements to CTH K were discussed. Commissioner Winters distributed some information regarding the Oshkosh Area School District's request that a roundabout be constructed at the east driveway to Carl Traeger School along CTH K. A roundabout at this location would cost approximately \$800,000 to one million dollars. The costs could be shared between the City of Oshkosh, the School District and possibly Winnebago County since CTH K is a county road. There is no accident history at this location. After discussion Chairman Robl stated he would like the Committee to tour the location. This item will be brought to a future meeting.

Commissioner Winters distributed a map showing a proposed improvement project located on CTH A from Indian Point Road to CTH GG. This portion of CTH A was included in design work that was performed several years ago of the entire corridor from Indian Point Road to Neenah, including a designated bike/ped path. Mr. Winters stated that he applied and was granted State funding for the rural portion of the project from Indian Point Road to CTH GG. Mr. Winters stated that they will need to revisit the design plan, possibly adding a roundabout at CTH GG. A decision will have to be made whether the bike/ped path will be stand-alone or incorporated into the design as wider shoulders. Chairman Robl inquired if there is a current traffic count on CTH A. This item will be brought back to a future meeting.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters informed the committee members that he will not be present at the February 15th Highway Committee meeting. He stated that Superintendent Demler will stand in for him.
- Commissioner Winters stated that he has a book written back in the 1980's regarding the history of the Highway Department. He advised the committee if anyone has an interest in reading it he will provide copies.
- The recent issue of the TIME newsletter was distributed.

A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary