

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: February 20, 2017

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Ken Robl, Highway Committee Chairman
Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member
Chuck Farrey, Highway Committee Member
Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member
David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member
Raymond Palonen, Highway Commissioner

ALSO

PRESENT: Jamey Gosz, Highway Department
Mark Harris, County Executive
John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive
Jeff Sturgell and Randy Gallow from Village of Fox Crossing

Chairman Robl called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Farrey to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2017 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was any public input on the agenda. There was none. Supervisor Albrecht joined the meeting.

Ray Palonen, the new Highway Commissioner, was introduced to the Committee members.

Commissioner Palonen stated that he has been reviewing the request by Secura Insurance Company for access to CTH CB. He stated that he did some research and discussed the matter with County Executive Harris. He stated the next step will be to meet with representatives from Secura Insurance and the Village of Fox Crossing to work through a municipal agreement and check into funding options. The expansion of CTH CB to four lanes was also discussed. Jamey Gosz distributed aerial photos of the area. Commissioner Palonen stated that if the County decides to widen CTH CB it could be designed as an urban cross section with curb and gutter and may include right of way acquisition and a bridge expansion. County Executive Harris stated this project could get included in next year's Capital Improvement Program but at this point Secura Insurance is looking for a commitment from Winnebago County whether or not they would consider four lanes. Representatives from the Village of Fox Crossing explained that Secura's offer for funding is for up to one-million dollars. This could be used to either pay for a single lane roundabout in its entirety or towards the cost of a two-lane roundabout if that's the option the County chooses. He stated that the Village is looking into establishing a TID (Transportation Improvement District) for this project to fund the construction on anything over the one-million dollars received from Secura. Supervisor Farrey stated he will need to see costs for these projects before any decisions are made. This item will be discussed further at the next Highway Committee meeting.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Palonen stated that he has the proposals for the CTH CB and Oakridge Road intersection and the CTH A projects. He stated that the WisDOT is anxious to move ahead before the funding window closes. He asked how the Committee would like him to proceed with choosing a consulting firm. He asked if they'd like to review all the proposals and they stated they do not. Mr. Palonen stated he and a few of his staff members will review and score the proposals and recommend three firms to the Committee.
- Commissioner Palonen informed the Committee that there are three TRIP projects that will need substitutions from last year for asphalt bids. He stated that he intends to keep the good working relationship with the Towns and stated he will be attending the next Towns Association meeting in April to introduce himself.
- Commissioner Palonen stated he will be starting the five-year project process to identify what road projects need to be done in the future.
- Mr. Palonen stated that he met with staff at the Highway Department last week to introduce himself. He stated that Winnebago County is fortunate to have an excellent team of supervisory, road and office staff. He also commended Jamey Gosz for the work he did while acting as interim Commissioner.

Chairman Robl stated the next regular meeting will be held on March 6, 2017. A motion was made by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
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