

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: March 6, 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
Raymond Palonen, Highway Commissioner

EXCUSED: David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: Mark Harris, County Executive
John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive
Harry Sturgis, Town of Neenah resident
Guy Hegg, County Board District #27

Chairman Robl called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2017 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was any public input on the agenda. Harry Sturgis stated he was attending the meeting to observe the new Highway Commissioner as related to CTH CB. John Fink stated that Jeff Sturgell, Village of Fox Crossing, notified him that he was planning to attend today's meeting but could not make it. He stated he would be available by phone if the Committee has any questions.

The 2017 Capital Improvement Projects were discussed. Commissioner Palonen distributed information and a copy of the budget transfer listing the necessary funding for each project. The list contained the following projects:

- CTH A - Reconstruction from Indian Point Rd. to CTH GG
- CTH CB - Intersection with Oakridge Road
- CTH N - Bridge replacement
- CTH II - Traffic signal replacements at CTH CB, Kimberly Clark entrance and Green Bay Road.
- Waukau Ave. - Resurfacing from Poberezny Road to Airport
- CTH GG - Mill and pave from CTH T to CTH A
- CTH T - Mill and pave from CTH G to Pioneer Road
- CTH N - Mill and pave STH 26 to CTH FF

The Committee discussed each project in length. Supervisor Farrey stated his concerns over the dangerous intersection of CTH A at CTH GG. He recommends bringing the alignment of CTH GG approximately 100 yards south of the current corridor where it intersects with CTH A, and stated the Committee should be kept informed as the design continues. Commissioner Palonen stated that the design consultants will determine what is needed for each project and the most cost effective method to complete them. He also stated the mill and pave project scheduled on CTH GG this summer by County forces will stop short of the intersection with CTH A and is intended to resurface the useful life of the road. The total amount of bonding for the 2017 projects is 4.65 million dollars.

After further discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Egan to approve the proposed projects on CTH A (Indian Pt. Rd. to CTH GG); the CTH CB/Oakridge Road intersection; traffic signal upgrades on CTH II; CTH N Bridge; Waukau Avenue resurfacing; and mill and pave projects on CTH GG (CTH T to A); CTH T (CTH G to Pioneer Rd.) and CTH N (STH 26 to CTH FF). The motion was seconded by Supervisor Warnke and carried 4-0.

Widening CTH CB to a four-lane facility from Shady Lane to CTH BB was discussed. Commissioner Palonen stated that there is currently enough right of way to widen CTH CB to four lanes and will accommodate either an urban or rural section. The cost is estimated at approximately 2.5 to 2.7 million dollars to widen the corridor to four lanes within the next five years. Secura Insurance and the Village of Fox Crossing is requesting a commitment from Winnebago County so they can move ahead with their roundabout construction design and funding contribution. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Warnke to approve a resolution to widen CTH CB to a four lane rural section within the next five years from Shady Lane to CTH BB. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Egan and carried 4-0.

The consultant selection for the project at the intersection of CTH CB and Oakridge Road was discussed. Commissioner Palonen stated all the proposals were reviewed, scored and ranked by a selection committee following the State process. The final short list is as follows: 1. RA Smith National, 2. Ayres Associates, 3. OMNNI Associates, 4. Gremmer & Associates, 5. MSA Professional Services. The list will be submitted to the WisDOT to negotiate a contract. A motion was made by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

The consultant selection for the project on CTH A from Indian Point Road to CTH G was discussed. Commissioner Palonen stated all the proposals for this project were reviewed, scored and ranked by a selection committee following the State process. The final short list is as follows: 1. McMahan Associates, 2. Mead & Hunt, 3. Ayres Associates, 4. OMNNI Associates, 5. CBS Squared. The list will be submitted to the WisDOT to negotiate a contract. A motion was made by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve as submitted. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Palonen distributed a list of projects provided by East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission that would be eligible for the next cycle of STP Urban Funding. The one million dollars of funding Winnebago County had previously been awarded for the CTH I project (35th Avenue to Ripple Ave.) was surrendered since the City of Oshkosh had a large utility project that would interfere. Commissioner Palonen's recommendation for a new entitlement would be to move forward on the CTH I project as long as the City gets their project completed. He also stated that the Waukau Avenue reconstruction could be an option for the urban funding in the future.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Palonen updated the Committee on the daily activities of the department, including brush cutting, guardrail repair and crack filling between winter activities.
- April 3-7, 2017 has been deemed as National Work Zone Awareness Week. April 7th is “Go Orange Day”, where everyone is encouraged to wear orange to show their support of work zone safety.
- Supervisor Farrey questioned the CTH G Bridge project, whether it’s done and how it came in according to budget.

A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Farrey to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Administrative Associate