

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

April 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Meeting via Conference Call at Highway Department

Board members present via conference call: Robert Warnke, Joel Rasmussen, Tom Egan, David Albrecht, Chuck Farrey

Others present in person or via conference call: Commissioner Palonen, Robert & Gail Haag, Heather Zeinert

Due to technical difficulties with the phone system, the meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Chairman Albrecht. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve the minutes of the March 2nd meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Albrecht asked for any public input on the agenda items. There was none.

Commissioner Palonen stated that he received a request from the Town of Winneconne requesting CTH G from Rozek Road to CTH M be included as an ATV/UTV route. After review by his department, Commissioner Palonen stated that this section of CTH G does not meet the ordinance since the ADT is over 1,000 cars per day from STH 45 to CTH M. For that reason, he recommends denying this portion of roadway as an ATV/UTV route. A motion was made by Chairman Albrecht to deny this request by the Town of Winneconne. Motion seconded by Supervisor Warnke. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Palonen stated that he received a request from the Town of Winchester to approve sections of CTH M, CTH MM and CTH II as ATV/UTV routes within their town boundaries. After review by the Highway Department, Commissioner Palonen recommended the following be approved as ATV/UTV routes in the Town of Winchester:

CTH M- the south section from CTH MM to Lakeview Road only. South of there is no connection.
CTH M- the north section from Coon Road to CTH II.
CTH MM- from south CTH M to the Winchester/Wolf River border and from CTH II to the town line, based on the approval of the Town of Wolf River's request to add CTH MM to make the connection.

CTH II- should be denied as all sections exceed the 1,000 ADT as listed in the ordinance.

After discussion a motion was made by Chairman Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve Commissioner Palonen's recommendations for the Town of Winchester. Motion carried 4-0.

After the vote, Gail Haag and Heather Zeinert questioned the 35 MPH segment through Winchester and claimed the western section of CTH "II" had ADT's under 1000. Under state statute the local municipality can designate 35 MPH segments as ATV routes on county and state roadways. Commissioner Palonen will look at the limits of the 35 MPH segment along with re-visiting WisDOT traffic counts on the western section of CTH "II" and will bring information back to the committee to possibly amend their vote at the next meeting.

Commissioner Palonen reviewed the request from the town of Wolf River to add a portion of CTH MM from Kiesow Road to the Winchester town line as an ATV/UTV route. After review it was determined that portion of CTH MM has low ADT and meets all the requirements of the ordinance. A motion was made by Supervisor Rasmussen, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Palonen provided an update on the STH 76 project. The WisDOT project from CTH JJ to I-41 starts today. The detour route is I-41 to US 45 to US 10. The project consists of reconstructing the roadway and adding roundabouts at CTH GG, CTH G and CTH JJ. Roundabouts will be staged to allow cross traffic. The bid was awarded to James Peterson & Sons. Construction is expected to be complete in October of this year.

An update on county projects were as follows:

- a) Crews are starting to remove the winter equipment.
- b) Work is being performed on I-41 to fill holes and cracks with mastic. This work is normally done at night but because of the lower traffic volume due to the “Safer at Home” order, the work can be done during the day.
- c) Replacing culverts and ditching is being completed along CTH FF and CTH G.
- d) Town work will be the focus for the start of the season. The Superintendents had to rework the way road surveys are completed due to the social distancing rules.
- e) Any carry-over projects from last season, such as the Crisis Center, will be completed.
- f) The UV Fox Valley parking lot will be started in May. This is a shared project with Outagamie County.
- g) The CTH FF and CTH G projects will be completed in late summer/fall.
- h) Chip sealing will begin in June. There are about 20 miles of county roads to seal, plus the town work.
- i) The CTH A project will start in June, after an April DOT bid letting. The road will be closed to through traffic. A detour is planned for CTH GG to the west frontage road to STH 76.
- j) The CTH O project will start the beginning of July. MCC was the low bidder for that project.

General Operations:

- Supervisor Farrey stated that he had trouble connecting to this meeting, and kept getting a busy signal. It was determined an alternate method, possibly Zoom, would be used going forward.
- Supervisor Warnke stated that he received a complaint about the condition of US 45 at Waukau Avenue near Roe’s nursery. Commissioner Palonen stated that he’ll look into it.

A motion was made by Chairman Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

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