

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: July 11, 2016

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

EXCUSED: David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive

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 June 27, 2016 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

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

A budget transfer to design and reconstruct CTH A from Indian Point Road to CTH GG was discussed. Commissioner Winters informed the Committee the State has allocated four million dollars to fund this project. Since the project has not been designed the specifics and costs are unknown. The cost will vary depending on if a ped/bike path is constructed as a stand-alone or incorporated into the design as widened shoulders. It is anticipated Winnebago County's portion will be approximately \$850,000. The Highway Committee will be involved in the interviews and selecting the consultant. Design is anticipated to take approximately 1.5 years, with construction following that. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve the budget transfer to design and reconstruct CTH A from Indian Point Road to CTH GG. Motion carried 4-0. Chairman Robl signed the budget transfer.

The intersection of CTH CB and Oakridge Road was discussed. Commissioner Winters distributed an outline and stated that the traffic study is going well. He informed the Committee that there is a public informational meeting scheduled for Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at the Town of Neenah Municipal Building to discuss the traffic study results. An informal open house will be held from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., with a presentation at 5:15 p.m. The alternatives for the intersection will be discussed at that time.

Commissioner Winters distributed a summary showing the status of the urban projects covered under the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) in Oshkosh and the Fox Cities. Mr. Winters explained that the MPO is a federally mandated program based on population size where municipalities compete for funding dollars. Winnebago County was originally awarded funding for CTH I but gave the money back so the City of Oshkosh can complete their sewer project along CTH I. Commissioner Winters stated that he applied for funding on CTH Y between STH 76 and CTH S two years ago and is still awaiting approval. He also has two other pending projects: CTH A from CTH GG to Neenah, and

CTH P from STH 47 to the STH 441 Bridge. Chairman Robl stated if a project on CTH P is considered he feels the Committee should take a tour to familiarize themselves with the area. Commissioner Winters inquired if the Committee feels they should apply for more project funding through the MPO. He stated there are other possibilities including CTH E from Oakwood Road to the town line; expanding CTH CB north of Shady Lane to four lanes; and CTH II from STH 76 to Clayton Avenue. He also stated he will talk to town officials regarding Fisk Avenue between CTH I and STH 45. After discussion Supervisor Farrey stated he feels all four projects should be applied for. Supervisor Egan agreed.

Commissioner Winters stated that recently the EAA submitted a request to rezone several parcels of land they own around the airport to Light Industrial. He stated that the Highway Department's only interest is that the County owns Waukau Avenue.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters reminded the Committee that there will be a public informational meeting hosted by the WisDOT at the Highway facility on Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
- A letter sent to WisDOT Transportation Secretary Mark Gottlieb was shared with the Committee. The letter drafted by Governor Walker is in regards to transportation funding. There will be a meeting in September on the topic in hopes of getting support from the public and municipalities to find a solution to the transportation fund deficit.
- Commissioner Winters distributed the latest copy of the TIME (Traffic Incident Management Enhancement) newsletter.

The next meeting of the Highway Committee will be held on Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Coughlin Center at approximately 10:30 a.m. or immediately following the Legislative Committee meeting.

A motion was made by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer  
Highway Secretary