

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: August 6, 2018

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

EXCUSED: Tom Egan, 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 Albrecht to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2018 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Discussion was held regarding possible jurisdictional transfers on section of roads that lie within the incorporated boundaries of the City of Oshkosh. Commissioner Palonen distributed maps of the following areas: CTH I (Waukau Ave. to 24th Ave.); 20th Avenue (South Park Ave. to Oakwood Rd.); and CTH E (Koeller St. to Westhaven Dr.). Supervisor Farrey asked if the City plans to make any monetary compensation to the County if the transfers are approved. Mr. Farrey stated that he doesn't like how much taxpayer money has been spent reconstructing these roads in the past without the City bearing any cost. Commissioner Palonen explained that although Winnebago County has owned and maintained these roads over the years, due to their location it makes more sense that they fall under City jurisdiction. He stated that his motivation is looking to the future where Winnebago County will not bear any costs to own and maintain these roads. Supervisor Farrey asked when these roads were last reconstructed. Commissioner Palonen stated he can provide that information in the future. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht to authorize drafting a resolution to transfer jurisdiction of CTH I (Waukau Ave. to 24th Ave.), 20th Avenue (South Park Ave. to Oakwood Rd.), and CTH E (Koeller St. to Westhaven Dr.) to the City of Oshkosh. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Farrey asked that the draft resolution be emailed to him for review.

Commissioner Palonen informed the Highway Committee about some changes proposed to the Local Bridge Program by the WisDOT and WCHA. Currently the program is funded and administered through the Federal government for bridge projects on county, town, city and village roads. The changes would pass management of the program to local officials, including the application and design process and oversight of the construction. Commissioner Palonen stated that if these changes are made he does not have the staff to accommodate the additional workload and will need to hire a consultant to manage these projects. He stated that he will be meeting soon with the other NE Region Commissioners and intend to discuss the policy change, and his opposition to it.

Chairman Robl read a Resolution passed by the Town of Neenah in support of the CTH O reconstruction project being completed in a partial rural/partial urban manner. Commissioner Palonen stated the design of CTH O is underway, with construction planned for 2020.

Commissioner Palonen reported the following as General Operations:

- ❖ Per request by Supervisor Albrecht Mr. Palonen stated the “Just Fix It” resolution was passed previously on August 22, 2016.
- ❖ An informational outline was provided as requested at the previous meeting by Supervisor Egan regarding the transfer of funds for the CTH CB and CTH O projects.
- ❖ The new Racine Street salt shed project is starting back up. It is anticipated the project will be completed by the end of October.
- ❖ Highway crews have been performing paver patching in several towns the last few weeks.
- ❖ Chip sealing will be performed for Calumet County, then back to Winnebago County for town work. Supervisor Farrey stated he’s concerned that the town work may not get done if the weather turns bad. Mr. Farrey asked if in the future the town work could be done first. Commissioner Palonen explained that by doing the town work all at one time it saves money on mobilizing the equipment. He stated he hopes to have more time at the end of the year for additional town work.
- ❖ The paving crew will be starting on the CTH K project later this week after completing work for the Town of Rushford.
- ❖ The CTH R project is scheduled for September. That project will consist of milling off 6” of asphalt and replacing with a 4” mat.
- ❖ In October the department will be repaving two lots for the Human Services Department.
- ❖ A contractor has been selected to do the seal coating work at the Admin. Bldg. and Dawes Street lots in Oshkosh and the Human Services lot in Neenah.
- ❖ A permit has been submitted to the City of Oshkosh for a temporary storage building to be constructed on the Highway premises to cover the storage bins in compliance with the MS4 permit.
- ❖ The new trucks should be arriving in September.
- ❖ Concrete patching continues for the WisDOT along STH 45 and USH 10.
- ❖ Right of way acquisition is nearly complete for the CTH CB and Oakridge Road roundabout project.
- ❖ The roundabout at the new Secura Insurance site is under construction.
- ❖ Initial draft agreement language has been sent to the Town of Clayton regarding the jurisdictional transfers of CTH T and Pioneer Road.

A motion was made by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Administrative Associate