

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: August 7, 2017

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

EXCUSED: Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: Al Geurts and Quirin Klink, MSA Professional Services

Chairman Robl called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2017 meeting as written. Motion carried 3-0. Supervisor Albrecht joined the meeting.

There was no public input on agenda items. Chairman Robl announced that the tour of projects that was scheduled for today has been cancelled. Instead Commissioner Palonen will be bringing a PowerPoint presentation to a future meeting relative to the proposed Capital Improvement Projects.

Al Geurts and Quirin Klink, MSA Professional Services, distributed information to the Committee members. The gentlemen gave a brief history of their firm and outlined the services they can provide including engineering, environmental, and architecture. They asked that the Committee consider them for any future work Winnebago County may need. They then exited the meeting.

The Committee discussed a letter written by the Door County Board of Supervisors to the WCHA regarding their road schools. The memo outlines several concerns they have including the repetitive training sessions and poor quality of the facility and meals provided. The Committee discussed the letter and agreed that the gatherings do provide a good opportunity to network with other highway professionals, but would rather the training be spread around to other locations to provide more positive state economic impact. They decided not to take any action on this issue.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Palonen advised the Committee that Shop Superintendent Jamey Gosz left the department for another job. He stated that this is a big loss for the department. The position will be advertised shortly. The Committee discussed the fact that Winnebago County's salaries are not consistent with surrounding areas.
- Commissioner Palonen stated that the MS4 final draft has been completed and will be presented at the next Highway Committee meeting for a vote. Supervisor Farrey stated that the LCC Committee made several amendments to the draft.

- Commissioner Palonen stated that construction of the roundabout for Secura Insurance may be postponed until next spring. He stated it makes more sense to hold off until after the building construction has been completed before building the road. Supervisor Albrecht asked if postponing the project will change anything. Commissioner Palonen stated everything should remain in order as is.
- Commissioner Palonen updated the Committee on the upcoming road projects:
 - CTH A design is under way from Indian Point Rd. to CTH GG.
 - CTH CB roundabout is in the design process. The DNR is mandating a slight location shift to avoid the mitigation site.
 - CTH II signal upgrade is ongoing.
 - CTH N is scheduled for paving mid-week, weather permitting.
 - Waukau Avenue project will be started in late August.
- Commissioner Palonen stated the County has an opportunity to benefit from a detention pond to be constructed by the WisDOT at Midway Road and STH 441. The pond will remove approximately 4.2% of the suspended solids from the drainage off CTH P, which needs to be upgraded in the future. The State will pay for 100% of the construction of the detention pond, with the maintenance to be shared by Winnebago County and the local municipalities. Commissioner Palonen stated this is a good opportunity for Winnebago County when CTH P is reconstructed in the future.

A motion was made by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Administrative Associate