

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: August 8, 2016

TIME: 10:30 A.M.

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

EXCUSED: Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member

### ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to County Executive  
Al Geurts, MSA  
Carol Joubert  
Harrison Sturgis

Chairman Robl called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Albrecht to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2016 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was any public input. Al Geurts, former Outagamie County Highway Commissioner, stated he stopped in to say hello to the Committee and let them know he recently took a position with MSA Professional Services, Inc. He stated they would be happy to assist Winnebago County with any future engineering work they may need done.

The CTH CB and Oakridge Road intersection was discussed. Commissioner Winters distributed a summary and stated the consulting firm has nearly completed their intersection study. He noted the displays posted on the bulletin board showing the two options of traffic signals and a roundabout. Mr. Winters stated it is his recommendation to proceed with a roundabout at this location unless a drastic change is made during the conclusion of the traffic study. He stated there is a good chance this project would qualify for Federal HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Program) grant money. He stated the estimated total cost for the option of traffic signals is approximately one-million dollars. The total is estimated at two-million dollars for the installation of a roundabout. Neither option shown include lowering the hill. Commissioner Winters stated that he intends to invite the consulting firm that performed the traffic study to the next Highway Committee meeting to make their formal recommendation. Chairman Robl stated he is in favor of the roundabout and hopes the rest of the Committee agrees. Commissioner Winters stated that either option will take time to go through the proper channels for approval and construction. He feels the roundabout would not be constructed until 2018 and traffic signals could possibly be late 2017 or early 2018. Supervisor Farrey stated whichever option is approved he wants the project to move ahead expeditiously. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Farrey to delay approving a recommendation until the next Highway Committee meeting after the consultants have made their presentation. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Warnke and carried 4-0.

The proposed project on CTH A from Indian Point Road to CTH GG was discussed. Commissioner Winters distributed a summary to update the Committee and stated the County received \$4.2 million dollars of STP-Urban funding from the WisDOT for the project. A decision still has to be made how the bike/ped path will be designed. Construction is estimated for 2018.

Commissioner Winters reported that a developer has proposed a development along CTH CB north of Shady Lane in the Village of Fox Crossing. The developer contacted Commissioner Winters to discuss access to CTH CB, possibly including a roundabout. They are estimating 700 employees at full development. Commissioner Winters stated he will discuss this matter with Corporation Counsel Bodnar, and intends to get a letter of agreement for maintaining the roundabout should they approve it.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters distributed the current issue of “The Connector” newsletter.
- Commissioner Winters reported that the department has had a number of job vacancies that he is working to fill. He stated that Bill Demler retired last week and was a very important part of the department. Interviews have been conducted and Mr. Winters will continue to fill the positions with the best candidates he can find.

Chairman Robl stated the next Highway Committee meeting will be held on August 22, 2016.

A motion was made by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Albrecht to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer  
Highway Secretary