

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: August 21, 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  
Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member  
Raymond Palonen, Highway Commissioner

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive  
Tom Davies, LWCD

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 August 7, 2017 meeting as written. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Supervisor Farrey stated that the MS4 Illicit Discharge Ordinance is good to go after members of the Land Conservation Committee made several revisions and approved it by a vote of 6-1 at their August 3, 2017 meeting. Tom Davies, LWCD, outlined the changes that were made and stated that an Ordinance is required by the DNR. He stated the affected areas are road right-of-way in urbanized areas with 1,000 people or more per square mile determined by the State's 2010 census. He stated the LWCD will be monitoring but they are relying on Highway Department staff to report infractions if they see them during their normal course of business. The LWCD's fee was discussed. Commissioner Palonen stated he feels the fee is very reasonable and much less than having to hire someone to start from scratch. Mr. Palonen said the LWCD does a fantastic job. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Farrey to recommend the County Board approve the Chapter 14 Illicit Discharge Ordinance as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Davies exited the meeting.

Commissioner Palonen gave a presentation on the highway system needs. He stated that he drove around to identify the worst areas with his focus on safety. He said the pavement in general on county roads is in pretty good condition with good PASER ratings, but with some geometric deficiencies. The areas he highlighted were included on the CIP plan that was provided at an earlier meeting. The roads discussed were as follows:

- CTH T from Pioneer Rd. to CTH II – the pavement is in poor condition with curves. He stated it makes more sense to request a jurisdictional transfer with the Town of Clayton to trade Pioneer Road for CTH T. Pioneer Rd. would have to be reconstructed to County standards, addressing the steepness and vertical curves. Commissioner Palonen asked for the Committee's feedback. Chairman Robl stated that something should be done with it and it makes more sense to straighten the alignment.

- CTH N from CTH FF to STH 44 – this stretch of road has safety issues, with vertical curves and the pavement is in poor condition.
- CTH O from I41 to CTH II – Commissioner Palonen stated the pavement is in very poor condition and needs a cross culvert. He stated that he spoke with the Town of Neenah about a possible jurisdictional transfer in the future and participating in construction of a pond.
- CTH P from Memorial Drive to Midway Road – the pavement is in poor condition and has drainage issues. It may be part of the WisDOT 441 pond project as discussed at the last committee meeting. When reconstructed it should be as a three-lane urban section with bike lanes to match up with what the City of Appleton is doing on the east end.

After conclusion of the presentation the Committee asked Commissioner Palonen which project he would choose to do first. Mr. Palonen stated he feels that CTH N is in the worst shape. The committee asked Commissioner Palonen to prioritize the list, then provide traffic counts and cost estimates on the projects.

Potentially reducing the speed limit on CTH N was discussed. Commissioner Palonen stated that the curves and steep hills between STH 26 and CTH FF are an issue. Based on his evaluation of the highway he recommends lowering the speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph to address any safety issues before they become a problem. Supervisor Egan suggested when changes like this are made the towns affected should be notified to get the word out to area residents.

Commissioner Palonen reported the following as General Operations:

- ❖ The CTH N project is nearly complete.
- ❖ Base repairs will be done on Waukau Avenue this week, then pulverized and paved.
- ❖ Chip sealing is wrapping up for the towns. Supervisor Farrey and Egan stated both of their towns may have more to do. Commissioner Palonen stated timing is based on when the oil sprayer can be scheduled.
- ❖ Highway Department crews will be starting a PBM project for the WisDOT on STH 45 in September.
- ❖ The Secura roundabout project has been postponed until 2018.
- ❖ Supervisor Egan asked Commissioner Palonen to check on the culvert issue at STH 116 and CTH K.

Chairman Robl stated the next regular meeting of the Highway Committee will be held on September 18, 2017. A motion was made by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. Motion seconded by Supervisor Farrey and carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

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