

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: September 3, 2019

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member
Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member
Chuck Farrey, Highway Committee Member
Raymond Palonen, Highway Commissioner

EXCUSED: David Albrecht, Highway Committee Chairman
Ken Robl, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: Jill Prah, Accountant/Office Manager
Ellen Allen, resident

Vice-Chairman Warnke called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Farrey to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Motion carried 3-0.

Vice-Chairman Warnke asked if there was any public input on the agenda. Ellen Allen stated she was in attendance today to ask the Committee for an agricultural entrance to CTH A, after being denied by the Highway Department through the normal permit process. Commissioner Palonen explained to the Committee that based on the rules contained within the county ordinance in place, her parcel does not qualify for an access. He stated that he offered to allow her to widen her existing driveway to accommodate the large farm equipment. Mrs. Allen has also been informed about the variance procedure available to her through the Winnebago County Board of Adjustment that can be obtained through the Zoning Department. Mrs. Allen left the meeting.

Commissioner Palonen distributed an outline of the proposed 2020 Highway Department budget. The Committee discussed several items as listed, and compared them to previous years. There is a proposed levy increase of 8.82% to the county road maintenance budget from the previous year, which includes an additional \$100,000 of winter maintenance funds that was approved by County Executive Harris.

The 2020-2024 Capital Improvement Plan was discussed. Commissioner Palonen distributed a draft listing each project as proposed through 2024. He stated that depending on funding, this CIP will likely be changed.

Commissioner Palonen gave an update on the 2020-2022 STP-Urban funding status. He stated that after attending a meeting last week, Winnebago County was awarded 1.2 million dollars of STP (Surface Transportation Program) funding for the CTH I project from Ripple Ave. to Waukau Ave. This construction is planned for 2023 and will be done in conjunction with the City of Oshkosh's sanitary sewer project. Commissioner Palonen stated there are also nearly 5 million dollars of funds available that could be used for the CTH P project (Midway Rd. – STH 47), if he is able to secure it. The project selection committee will decide within the next couple weeks how the funding gets allocated. The Committee thanked Commissioner Palonen for his work obtaining the funding.

Commissioner Palonen informed the Committee that he intends to pursue having additional security measures installed on the front door of the Highway Department facility. This is due in part to the fact that one, or possibly more, sexual predators will be housed near the driveway entrance. He will be looking into the addition of electric locks at the office vestibule for added security for the office staff. Supervisor Egan stated he'd be more concerned with someone gaining access through the shop doors, and recommends Commissioner Palonen broaden his investigation to include those doors as well. This project would be included with the CIP. Commissioner Palonen stated that he'll talk to Mike Elder at Facilities to get his input, then get project estimates.

The following were reported as general operations:

- The CTH CB/Oakridge Road roundabout should be open in a couple weeks.
- The CTH CB bridge widening project has been completed. The project on the north end still requires curb and gutter, paving and shouldering. It is expected to be completed by the end of September.
- The CTH FF intersection at Ripple Avenue is done, with the exception of some landscaping. The plan is to excavate failing areas on CTH FF, profile mill the entire road, and do an asphalt overlay. This project was postponed until October so town work and other smaller projects could be completed.
- Commissioner Palonen informed the Committee that the WisDOT has been badgering the department to get their projects done.

A motion was made by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
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