

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: September 18, 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: Jeff Sandberg and Sarah Ericson, AECOM

Chairman Robl 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 August 21, 2017 meeting as written. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Sarah Ericson and Jeff Sandberg, AECOM, introduced themselves as a civil engineering firm from the area. They distributed an outline of their company and gave a brief overview of their qualifications and services. They asked that the Committee keep their firm in mind for any future projects.

The 2018-2019 LRIP Program was discussed. Commissioner Palonen informed the Committee that the WisDOT has changed the way the program is administered. He stated that everything must now be submitted to the State online. To make it easier for the towns Mr. Palonen stated that he will still have them submit a paper application to him and he will enter the information and send everything electronically to the State at one time. He stated the deadline to apply for a project in the upcoming cycle is mid-November. The first TRIP meeting of town officials is scheduled for October 4th at the Highway Office.

Commissioner Palonen informed the Committee that he and Chairman Robl had an initial meeting with County Executive Harris and representatives from the City of Oshkosh, the towns of Algoma and Nekimi, and ECWRPC to discuss the proposed Oshkosh Area West Side Arterial. Since this topic has been ongoing for many years the panel decided to treat everything done so far as historical data and start fresh. The main objective for the project is to choose a preferred route west of Oshkosh between Hwy 21 and Hwy 44 so the City and Towns can officially map it. During discussion several of the Committee members stated they feel this project will mainly benefit the City of Oshkosh. Commissioner Palonen stated the County would be funding the project study and construction since it will be a county road and future traffic must be planned for. He stated it will be a part of the Capital Improvement process and must get approved by the full County Board.

Construction of a State owned salt shed was discussed. Commissioner Palonen stated that he was contacted by the WisDOT to see if the Highway Department was interested in constructing a salt shed at the intersection of Hwy 10 and CTH P. Mr. Palonen informed them that the department does not have the large equipment and capability of doing the earth moving work for a construction job. After discussions with the State it was concluded that Winnebago County could partner with Outagamie County, who does have ability to do the site work. Winnebago County will then do the remainder of the prep work. Construction of the building will be put out for bids under the normal procedure. Construction is planned for next summer.

Commissioner Palonen informed the Committee of some upcoming litigation stemming from a snowplow incident that occurred last winter. Corporation Counsel will handle the case for the County.

General Operations:

- Highway Department crews will be starting a PBM job for the WisDOT shouldering along STH 45 today.
- Commissioner Palonen distributed the proposed plan for construction of a roundabout at CTH CB and Oakridge Road. He stated it is designed to be constructed as a single lane facility but there will be adequate right of way to accommodate two lanes in the future. He stated there may be some land acquisition required to complete the design, which could delay the process.
- Highway crews are continuing work on Waukau Avenue this week. Excavation uncovered 2-3' of topsoil under the road so an engineering fabric is being installed to stabilize the road until the full reconstruction project is performed in the future.

A motion was made by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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