

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: September 21, 2020

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: David Albrecht, Highway Committee Chairman
Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member
Joel Rasmussen, Highway Committee Member
Chuck Farrey, Highway Committee Member
Ray Palonen, Highway Commissioner

EXCUSED: Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Malcom, OMNNI Associates

Chairman Albrecht called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Farrey to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2020 meeting as written. Seconded by Supervisor Rasmussen and carried 4-0.

Chairman Albrecht asked for public input on agenda items. There was none.

Mike Malcom from OMNNI Associates, gave a presentation on the preliminary design for the CTH CB and CTH JJ roundabout. The original study was done by Commissioner Winters 4-5 years ago. The design is moving forward as a single-lane facility which will accommodate current traffic needs. The option for future expansion is included in the design by adding turn lanes. Right-of-way acquisition will be necessary and is expected to begin in late spring or early summer of 2021, as well as some utility relocation. The project is estimated to cost approximately 1.3 million dollars, not including the right-of-way, but may go down slightly. The county has \$650,000 from State MLS funding. Construction of the roundabout is planned for 2022.

The preliminary draft copy of the Capital Improvement Plan for 2021-2025 was discussed. Commissioner Palonen went through the plan outlining several projects. He stated the total estimated cost for 2021 is \$4.76 million dollars, which is under the \$5 million-dollar threshold he was given from the Finance Department. Included in the 2021 plans are:

- CTH CB = CTH O to CTH JJ – mill and overlay
- CTH CB/JJ roundabout = design and right-of-way acquisition. Project funding shared with City of Neenah.
- CTH G = STH 45 to CTH M – pulverize and pave
- CTH I = Ripple Ave. to Waukau Ave. – design work (STP funded, will be shared with City of Oshkosh)
- CTH II = CTH CB to Clayton Ave – mill and overlay
- CTH P = Midway Road to STH 47 design (STP funded with City of Menasha and Village of Fox Crossing)
- CTH T = Pioneer Road to CTH T – right-of-way acquisition and trees need to be cut
- Waukau Ave. = Poberezny to the airport – start design work
- CTH Y = I-41 to CTH T reconstruction. CDBG funds will cover most of cost.
- Highway parking lot Phase 2 (back of buildings)
- Winchester Shed parking lot

The 2022 draft plan includes:

- CTH AP = road diet reducing the road from four to two lanes
- CTH CB/JJ roundabout = construction estimated at 1.8 million dollars
- CTH FF and Zoar Road intersection = cut down the hill and lessen the curve
- CTH G = CTH T to CTH M - recondition
- CTH HH = CTH AH to west county line - recondition
- CTH M = CTH II to US10 - mill and overlay
- Pioneer Road = reconstruction
- Future CTH T/Pioneer Rd. = resurface existing pavement before jurisdictional transfer
- Park View Health center parking lot work

The 2023 draft plan includes:

- CTH A = CTH GG to the City of Neenah - mill and overlay
- CTH II = STH 76 to CTH T - mill and overlay
- CTH N = CTH FF to STH 44 design
- CTH P = Midway Road to STH 47 right-of-way acquisition
- CTH I = Ripple Ave. to Waukau Ave. construction. This project may be moved to 2024 if the City of Oshkosh does not complete their sewer work.
- Parks Department = parking lot paving

Commissioner Palonen stated this is a preliminary draft and that he'll share the updated information with the Committee as it changes.

The MLS (Multimodal Local Supplement) funding for the CTH CB and CTH JJ roundabout was discussed. Commissioner Palonen stated that due to changes in the legislation, the transportation funding was reduced from 90 million to 75 million and will be applied through the LRIP program. He stated that there is a chance the total amount of the program could be revised back to 90 million.

The ATV/UTV Ordinance was discussed. When it was originally passed there was a stipulation that it would be reviewed after one year. Commissioner Palonen stated that since its inception he has had no complaints, and actually has not even witnessed one ATV on the roads. Supervisor Rasmussen stated that when requests come in he thinks it would be beneficial to have up-to-date traffic counts. Commissioner Palonen stated that he has been considering purchasing a traffic counter. He stated that it would be used for collecting other data the department uses. Supervisor Egan stated he would like the Committee to have more leeway on a case-by-case basis as the ATV/UTV route requests are received.

Commissioner Palonen reported that the Town of Black Wolf is selling a 5-yard Sterling dump truck they no longer need since they've contracted with the Highway Department to do their snowplowing. He stated the truck needs some repair work and modifications to bring it up to county standards, but that it would be a good addition to our fleet. He stated the total cost of truck plus add-ons would total approximately \$17,000. Commissioner Palonen said he has money left in the budget for the purchase.

The following were reported as general operations:

- All the chip sealing projects have been completed for the season.
- The paving of CTH O is nearing completion.
- The mill and pave of CTH G will be completed soon. All county paving is expected to be completed by mid-October.
- The Town of Wolf River has a project to be completed this fall.
- There are some miscellaneous jobs to finish up for the State.
- The State has approximately three weeks of night work for the department to complete.
- The CTH A project should be completed by the end of September, one month earlier than expected.
- The STH 76 project is ongoing. The contractors are hoping to have it completed by mid-October.
- Supervisor Rasmussen stated that the Town of Algoma received a letter stating the WisDOT is planning to mill and pave STH 91. He doesn't see the need and asked if Commissioner Palonen has heard why. He has not.
- Supervisor Egan stated that he's still waiting for a resolution to the issue at CTH E and CTH K
- Commissioner Palonen displayed a graphic showing how the wages are broken down for Highway department employees. The averages are 26% County, 27% State, 11% Towns, 11% paid time off, 5% Shop, and the remaining percentages divided among smaller categories.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Supervisor Rasmussen to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Egan. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.