

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: October 2, 2017

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

EXCUSED: David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive
Harry Sturgis, Town of Neenah Citizen

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 September 18, 2017 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was any public input on the agenda. Harry Sturgis stated he was in attendance to give his input and will follow up with a letter. He stated he feels that his mother was taken advantage of when CTH CB was originally built, but he now hopes when the County does the CTH CB roundabout project that they take care of the areas of thistles that remain. Commissioner Palonen stated he will make a note of it.

A discussion was held regarding lowering the speed limit on CTH N. An ordinance has been drafted to amend Section 7.02 of the General Code of Winnebago County allowing the County Board to lower the speed limit on county trunk highways when in the best interest and safety of the general public. After reviewing the area Commissioner Palonen stated that due to the many hills and curves, that for safety reasons, he would for recommend lowering the speed limit on CTH N from 55 to 45 MPH from STH 26 to STH 44. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Farrey to recommend that the County Board amend Ordinance 7.02 Speed Limit Regulations, to establish CTH N from STH 26 to STH 44 at 45 MPH. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Palonen updated the Committee on the CTH CB and Oakridge Road project. Mr. Palonen stated that the project has been designed as a single lane roundabout with the potential to be expanded to two lanes in the future. He stated that the design consultant has been in contact with the DNR and WisDOT on the project. Commissioner Palonen stated he also met with property owners that will be affected by the project and they expressed a willingness to work with the County. Any land purchase will follow the normal right of way acquisition process.

The 2018-2022 Capital Improvement Program was discussed. Commissioner Palonen stated that he received notice that the CIP process is underway and is due to County Executive Harris by mid-November for review and approval.

General Operations:

- Highway department crews will be paving Waukau Avenue this week. It was necessary to add 4" of gravel and pulverize before paving due to some bad areas in the road base. There were also drainage improvements made.
- Highway crews are still working on concrete repairs on STH 45 for the WisDOT. That project will continue while the weather permits. Commissioner Palonen stated that in speaking with the DOT they may be requesting the department perform more work for them in the future. If this is the case additional staff and vehicles may need to be requested for the Highway Department.
- Bridge inspections are scheduled to begin this week. Commissioner Palonen stated he will report the findings at a future meeting.
- Supervisor Egan asked if the Highway Department had any plans to discontinue doing work for the towns, as rumored. Commissioner Palonen stated that was absolutely false, that he wants to do as much work as possible with the towns.
- Commissioner Palonen stated that the PBM shouldering job on STH 45 is nearing completion. The project went well.
- Paving for the towns is nearly complete for the year.
- Most of the 2018 Maintenance Agreements for the towns have been received.
- There are parking lot maintenance jobs to be done at the Administration, Courthouse and Health Center buildings.
- Commissioner Palonen stated that the State of Wisconsin Secretary of Transportation will be visiting him later today to discuss funding issues. Mr. Palonen stated that he will report back to the Committee at a future meeting.

A motion was made by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Administrative Associate