

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: October 3, 2016

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
David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member
Ernie Winters, Highway Commissioner

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to County Executive
Tom Buchholz, Will Dorsey, Brian Brock, Kurt Wranovsky from WisDOT
Harry Sturgis

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 September 19th meeting as written. Motion carried 5-0.

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

The CTH CB and Oakridge Road intersection was discussed. Commissioner Winters stated that if the Committee is in agreement with the proposed roundabout project at this location a budget transfer must be signed to accept the 1.5 million dollars of State and Federal funding. The plan also includes possibly installing temporary traffic signals at that location since construction could take several years. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Farrey to approve the budget transfer for the CTH CB and Oakridge Road intersection project. Motion carried 5-0. Chairman Robl signed the Budget Transfer. Commissioner Winters stated he will present it to the Personnel and Finance Committee and then the full County Board for approval in October.

Representatives from the Northeast Region WisDOT introduced themselves. They questioned how the "Just Fix It" transportation budget meeting went the previous week. Supervisor Warnke stated he feels the main theme of the meeting was the need to increase gas tax to lessen the budget shortfall. Representatives from the DOT distributed their 6-Year Improvement Program and briefly described Winnebago County's projects. They shared the efforts currently being worked on and how projects get chosen to be included in the 6-year plan. It was stated that in their department's opinion the continuation of I-41 from Breezewood Lane to DePere is a priority, although it may not be addressed until after the year 2030 since projects in Madison and Milwaukee are scheduled to be done first. Before departing the meeting members of the DOT stated they appreciate the work the Winnebago County Highway Commission does for them and thanked Commissioner Winters for his efforts on work zone safety.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters stated he attended a meeting hosted by the DOT regarding the Oregon Street Bridge and distributed a copy of a handout from that meeting. The City of Oshkosh has to make a decision if the bridge should be rehabilitated or rebuilt as a fixed span.
- Commissioner Winters stated that the City of Appleton did a quiet zone study regarding railroad crossings including the one located on Prospect Avenue (CTH BB) in Winnebago County.
- A Local Officials Meeting was recently held regarding the STH 441 project.
- Commissioner Winters distributed the recent issue of The Connector newsletter.

Chairman Robl stated that the next regular meeting will be held on October 17th. A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Farrey to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary