

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: December 16, 2019

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

ALSO
PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive

Chairman Albrecht 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 from the December 2, 2019 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Palonen distributed a copy of the five-year Capital Improvement Program as presented to the County Executive. The following projects were approved for funding in 2020:

- CTH A – STP Rural funds – to be managed by the WisDOT. The road will be closed during construction, except for local traffic.
- CTH CB/JJ – roundabout. Will be funded 50/50 with the City of Neenah.
- CTH FF reconstruction from STH 21 to STH 91 - pulverize, pave and shoulder.
- CTH G reconstruction – CHIP funding.
- CTH R – beam guard upgrades.
- CTH O – I41 to CTH II reconstruction. Fox Crossing and Town of Neenah involved. Town of Neenah is doing a detention pond.
- CTH T – design work to convert Pioneer Road.
- CTH Y – I41 to CTH T – design phase.

The remaining future projects were reviewed as well. The CTH II box culvert project should be moved up to 2020 also at the request of committee.

ATV/UTV discrepancy issues were discussed. Supervisor Farrey stated that the Town of Wolf River has an age limit of 12 to ride on town roads, whereas the county ordinance requires the operator be 16 years of age with a driver's license. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Egan stating the towns should recognize the county ordinance regarding ATV/UTV rules.

Supervisor Warnke stated that he would like it put on the record that the Waukau Avenue project should be moved up. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Egan to move the design portion of Waukau Avenue up to 2021. Carried 4-0.

Seasonal weight limit restrictions were discussed. Winnebago County has not had weight limits posted in the past. The most vulnerable time for roads is in the spring. Commissioner Palonen suggested adding seasonal restrictions but the committee was reluctant due to farmers being impacted. After discussion, the committee decided to continue as in the past.

The following were reported as general operations:

- Commissioner Palonen distributed the latest winter and non-winter maintenance budget totals.
- The tow plow has been in use and so far, has been working well.
- The department has been using a mixture of sand/salt on a trial basis on a few county roadways and is pleased with the results.

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The next regular meeting of the Highway Committee will be held on January 6, 2020.

A motion was made by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0.
The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Jill Prah
Office Manager