

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: January 5, 2012

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Ken Robl, Highway Committee Chairman  
Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member  
Tim Hamblin, Highway Committee Member  
Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member  
Ernie Winters, Highway Commissioner

EXCUSED: Dave Albrecht, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive  
Lt. William Anthes, Winnebago County Sheriff's Dept.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 A.M. Supervisor Warnke stated that the minutes from the December 19, 2011 meeting contained an error stating that David Albrecht was excused. Supervisor Warnke noted that Mr. Albrecht arrived late but should have been marked as present. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2011 meeting after the error was corrected. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address any items on the agenda. Larry Last stated he was in attendance regarding the proposed salt shed to be built on Planeview Drive. Mr. Last inquired if the salt delivery to the facility will be scheduled at a time when the ground is still frozen to prevent damage to local roads. Supervisor Egan stated this item has been addressed at the Planning and Zoning Committee meeting. He also stated that the Town of Nekimi included a stipulation when the conditional use permit was approved that only the Highway Commissioner or his two Superintendents can schedule salt delivery.

Commissioner Winters updated the committee on the Capital Improvement projects. Mr. Winters stated he is continuing to work on the asphalt resurfacing projects scheduled for 2012. He also updated the committee on the CTH T reconstruction project from CTH GG to CTH Y, stating the application for funding has been submitted to the WisDOT. This \$2 million dollar project is eligible for approximately \$450,000 of state funding.

Mr. Winters also noted that the property acquisition on the CTH A project is being reviewed and consultant proposals will be solicited shortly.

The CTH K Bridge project in Eureka was discussed. Commissioner Winters stated that he has been trying to schedule a meeting with the Mayor of Berlin regarding his concerns that the CTH K Bridge was not designed high enough over the navigational channel but was unsuccessful due to the holidays. Commissioner Winters stated he is unsure why this became an issue at this late phase since there were two public informational meetings, and input was sought from the surrounding communities early in the planning stages. A meeting will be held in the next week or two between Commissioner Winters, the Mayor of Berlin, Wisconsin DOT and the management consultants to discuss the project. Mr. Winters stated that our data shows the current planned bridge elevation meets or exceeds the Omro Bridge height and has been approved by all the appropriate entities including the WisDOT and DNR. Ayres Associates will figure the impacts and costs to redesign the bridge. Commissioner Winters will report back to the committee at a future meeting on this issue. Supervisor Hamblin stated he would like it on record that the Highway Committee members are in support of the new Eureka Bridge as currently designed and approved by the State of Wisconsin.

The proposed salt shed to be constructed on Planeview Drive south of Oshkosh was discussed. Commissioner Winters stated the storage shed will be built and paid for by the State of Wisconsin to be used by the county to aid in faster winter maintenance response to the southern portion of Winnebago County. The State will incur all costs to build the shed, rent a loader to be stored there for the winter months, and cover all other operational costs. After the structure is built ownership reverts back to Winnebago County.

Supervisor Egan stated that he was informed by WisDOT personnel that the facility will include the installation of a truck scale and that they would provide space for truck storage if the county wished to include that. Commissioner Winters stated this was different information than what the State gave him so he will follow up with the WisDOT.

Commissioner Winters stated that since the Committee Chairman will not be present at the Winter Highway Conference and the WCHA meeting a proxy vote can be cast. After discussion it was decided that either Supervisor Hamblin or Commissioner Winters can cast votes in Chairman Robl's absence. The committee members attending the conference will meet with Commissioner Winters at the meeting to discuss this issue after they hear the items to be voted upon. Chairman Robl signed the approval for a proxy vote in his absence.

General Operations:

- Chairman Robl stated that when the WisDOT staff attends the next highway committee meeting he would like the following items noted. He believes that STH 26 should be a divided highway due to the heavy traffic volumes and safety issues. Mr. Robl would also like to see STH 21 widened throughout the entire county. Supervisor Egan noted that STH 116 is in rough shape and has a very uneven driving surface.
- Commissioner Winters stated he spoke with representatives from Northeast Asphalt regarding the CTH B pavement issues. Mr. Winters stated that NEA is willing to enter into an agreement stating the road will be monitored for a couple years and if need arises they are willing to participate in the maintenance costs. Commissioner Winters will get an agreement in writing from NEA and bring it to a future highway committee meeting. The committee noted they will view CTH B this spring when they tour the county roads.
- Commissioner Winters informed Supervisor Hamblin that the culvert aid project on Lake Street in the Town of Menasha that he inquired about at the last meeting will be completed in 2012. The project has been approved totaling \$200,000. The county aid portion totals \$100,000. Supervisor Egan asked if there was a maximum dollar amount payable through the county aid program, and thought it had been discussed at an earlier meeting. Commissioner Winters stated he was not aware of a maximum but stated he will look through the previous meeting minutes.
- Commissioner Winters stated that due to a low volume of snow in December the Highway Department ended budget year 2011 with money remaining in their winter maintenance fund. He stated the year end books have not been closed yet so he does not have the final totals. Mr. Winters noted that any of the additional \$100,000 that was acquired to complete the winter season that remains will be returned to the General Fund.
- Commissioner Winters advised the committee that he has been contacted regarding the Fox Valley Technical School's plan to build a facility on CTH BB in Outagamie County. Because CTH BB is the dividing line between Winnebago and Outagamie Counties, Commissioner Winters will be attending a meeting with interested parties regarding driveway access and requested changes to CTH BB. Mr. Winters stated he is not in favor of any additional accesses on CTH BB.
- Supervisor Warnke suggested Commissioner Winters contact the Airport Director regarding a possible paving job on the airport property of an apron on Taxiway "D". Mr. Winters stated he will do so.
- Supervisor Egan inquired if the Highway Department hauled any of the debris from the old Park View Buildings. Commissioner Winters stated that he was not aware of any and stated that hauling building debris can be very detrimental to the county fleet of vehicles.

Due to the Winter Highway Conference, the next regular meeting of the Highway Committee will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2012.

A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.