

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: January 7, 2013

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

EXCUSED: Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 A.M. A motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2012 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address any agenda items at this time. There was no public input.

Commissioner Winters distributed a draft copy of a resolution he wrote in conjunction with Calumet and Outagamie Counties urging the WisDOT to not delay the design and reconstruction of the US 10/441 project. Chairman Robl stated he feels the resolution is well written and by including all three counties it will have more leverage in Madison to ensure the project is not delayed. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve the resolution with Calumet and Outagamie Counties in support of the USH 10/441 project schedule. Motion carried 4-0.

The WisDOT is requesting Winnebago County return approximately 1.59 acres of land that was purchased back in the 1970's for the USH 41 project. The parcel is located bordering the old CTH XX near the corner of Waupun Road and the frontage road. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht to approve a conveyance of right of way to the WisDOT of approximately 1.59 acres bordering the old CTH XX. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Warnke and carried 4-0.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters reported that the department plowed a lot of snow during the December 2012 snowstorms. He stated for the most part things went smoothly considering the large amount of snow that was received. A few minor issues surfaced including equipment failures and acclimating drivers to new routes, etc. There is a possibility Winnebago County could be eligible for a FEMA declaration if the storms totaled over \$500,000 county-wide. The Highway Department submitted their numbers to the Emergency Government Director to submit the claim.
- Commissioner Winters reported that the department's 2012 budget is in good shape. He stated there is approximately \$800,000 in reserves although 2012 has not been finalized yet.
- Commissioner Winters stated that he met recently with staff from the City of Oshkosh. The proposed West Side Arterial was discussed and what needs to be done if the project is to move forward. The next step is to meet with WisDOT officials to determine a location for the STH 21 interchange. Supervisor Albrecht stated he believes this project should be officially mapped.
- Supervisor Albrecht inquired if the Highway Department has any projects on the shelf should monies become available. Commissioner Winters stated he has several projects in the works. CTH M from Fond du Lac County to STH 44 has been fully designed; the design of CTH I from the City of Oshkosh to CTH N is nearly complete; and the project on CTH T north of CTH GG. He stated he will continue to have projects ready should funding become available.

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- Commissioner Winters distributed the recent issue of “The Connector” newsletter published by the WisDOT to the committee members.
- Commissioner Winters informed the committee that the employee union contracts expired as of the end of December. He stated there are no work rules governing employees and was hoping that he and other department heads would be allowed to contribute to the rule handbook since they each know how their departments work. He stated he would like to see employees be allowed to give their input as well. To date the process to create the new work rules has not included any of the departments.

Supervisor Albrecht left the meeting.

- Supervisor Hamblin asked if there are any plans to replace a third bridge on CTH G, approximately 1,000 feet west of the two bridges scheduled for replacement. He stated it would make sense to do the work at the same time since the road will already be closed. Commissioner Winters stated he will check on that structure but the bridge must meet certain sufficiency guidelines to be eligible for funding. Otherwise the replacement would have to be paid for with County funding.
- The next regular meeting will be held on January 21, 2013.

A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary