

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: February 18, 2013

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

EXCUSED: Dave Albrecht, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: William Anthes, Winnebago County Sheriff's Dept.
Guy Hegg, District 27

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 A.M. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2013 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 capital improvement project list showing which projects the Highway Department plans to do and the years they will be completed. Mr. Winters gave a brief synopsis on the following projects:

The CTH A project will be postponed for a year. This road is structurally in good shape with paved shoulders. Supervisor Warnke questioned if the alignment of the highway will be moved to accommodate the City of Neenah industrial park. Commissioner Winters stated that he will contact the City of Neenah to discuss that issue in the future.

Butler Avenue is a county owned road accessing Park View Health Center. The road is deteriorating badly. Due to the location of this road it would make more sense for it to be a city street. If the City of Oshkosh would consider taking ownership the reconstruction would have to be done meeting certain city construction standards. Commissioner Winters stated he spoke with city staff in the past and they showed no interest in participating in funding the project or taking the road over.

The Highway Department also has reconstruction projects on CTH I, CTH G and the next segment of CTH T; the bridge projects on CTH G and CTH K; and several other mill and pave projects. The reconstruction of the CTH FF and Zoar Road intersection will be addressed at a later date.

Commissioner Winters stated that the Park View Health Center and Sheriff's Department have upcoming parking lot projects also. He stated that he'd like the Highway Department to be given the opportunity to provide the work on those projects. Guy Hegg, County Board Supervisor, asked if the Highway Department would be interested in providing services on the Tri-County Ice Arena property after ownership is finalized. He stated that he'll contact Commissioner Winters to discuss this matter in the future. Mr. Winters asked the Committee to review the capital improvement list he provided them and he'll answer questions at the next meeting.

Commissioner Winters provided copies of the proposed Hwy 441 project as provided by the WisDOT showing four different locations. Commissioner Winters stated the entire plans are available on the WisDOT website if anyone wishes to view them.

Map one showed the CTH P intersections which are scheduled to be constructed as roundabouts.

Map two was of CTH AP and the plan to soften the curves. The Highway Department salt shed currently located at this location will be relocated by the state.

Map three showed Hwy 47 including roundabouts at the ramps.

Map four was of Oneida St. (Hwy 10) including diamond intersections with stops.

Supervisor Hegg questioned if the state will be installing sound barriers with the new construction.

Commissioner Winters stated the WisDOT will be performing a noise analysis to determine what is necessary for sound barriers. If the project is not delayed, work is anticipated to begin in 2016 or 2017.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters informed the committee that due to the active winter weather pattern the department has been doing a lot of snowplowing. To date there is approximately \$220,000 of winter funds remaining. This amount has to cover the remainder of winter weather this spring and through December 2013. If funds run short the department may need to request additional funding from the County Board.
- Commissioner Winters stated there may be STP (Surface Transportation Program) funding available. The department could have the opportunity to apply for federal and state monies for projects. Additional information will be brought to a future meeting.
- New two-way radios will be delivered to the department soon. Each employee will have a portable radio assigned to them rather than having them installed in the vehicles. Training for the employees will be provided. Commissioner Winters stated the employees will be held responsible for the radios and may face disciplinary action for loss or damage.
- April is National Work Zone Safety Awareness month. Commissioner Winters will be bringing a resolution to a future meeting in recognition.
- Commissioner Winters updated the committee on an employee issue regarding CDL status.
- Commissioner Winters stated the Eureka Bridge Project was awarded to Lunda Construction. He informed the committee that there will be a meeting held in the area for locals affected by the project. He will also be sending out a letter to local residents shortly with construction dates.
- Supervisor Egan stated that he has noticed reflective strips on posts in other areas and wonders if Winnebago County considered doing that to make signs more visible. Mr. Winters stated that he will investigate.

The next meeting will be held on March 4, 2013. A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary