

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: April 1, 2013

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

ALSO

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 A.M. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2013 meeting as written. Motion carried 5-0.

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.

The 2013 Capital Improvement Project on CTH FF was discussed. This project consists of milling and paving a 5.5 mile section of roadway from STH 44 to the south county line. The work consists of milling off the existing roadway and re-paving, including a paved shoulder where applicable, and performing drainage, signing, and painting work. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht to approve a budget transfer of \$1.75 million dollars to complete the CTH FF project. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Egan and carried 5-0.

The 2013 Capital Improvement Project on CTH I was discussed. The estimated costs on this project have been reduced to \$1.25 million dollars. This three-mile project includes milling and paving from CTH N south to CTH Z, including paved shoulders. Supervisor Hamblin questioned if the work on this project will be coordinated with the EAA fly-in. Commissioner Winters stated he intends to work with them, and quite possibly this project will not begin until late summer, after EAA. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve a budget transfer in the amount of \$1.25 million dollars to complete the CTH I project. Motion carried 5-0. Commissioner Winters stated both of these projects will be coming before the Personnel & Finance Committee and the full County Board for approval.

A budget transfer to fund the Highway Department's winter maintenance was discussed. Due to the severe winter weather the department is currently \$100,000 over budget on winter funding. Commissioner Winters is requesting a budget transfer of \$350,000 in undesignated funds to supplement the Highway Department Winter Maintenance Fund. This will serve to complete winter activities this spring and November and December 2013. A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve a budget transfer of \$350,000. Motion carried 5-0.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters informed the Committee that Governor Walker has requested that the TPC (Transportation Projects Commission) review some of the enumerated projects to decide which should go forward. One that is in danger of being cut is Winnebago County US 441 from CTH CB to Oneida Street. Earlier the Highway Committee and County Board passed a resolution requesting that the WisDOT not delay the US 441 project. The committee instructed Commissioner Winters to draft a letter stating the Committee's support for the US 441 project.

- Commissioner Winters distributed construction plans as provided by the WisDOT showing the next five years in Winnebago County. The list provides details of what projects are scheduled and the timeframe for each. Mr. Winters added that the WisDOT found additional monies to complete the CTH G and CTH GG overpasses sooner than anticipated in conjunction with the USH 41 project. CTH G should be completed in 2013, and CTH GG and CTH Y in 2014.
- Commissioner Winters distributed the Spring Commissioner and Committee Members agenda and registration forms. The meeting will be held on May 2nd in Green Bay. He also distributed the Summer Highway Conference packets to the Committee Members.
- US 41 and WIS 44 interchange project information was distributed. The WisDOT plans to repair the southeast wing wall. The project will begin in mid-April and should be completed by mid-June.
- Chairman Robl inquired on the proposed salt shed to be constructed by the WisDOT in the southern part of Winnebago County. Commissioner Winters stated he has not heard anything from the DOT regarding the salt shed recently. Chairman Robl also asked how the new satellite shed in Winchester is performing. Commissioner Winters stated the shed has worked well the way it was intended.
- Commissioner Winters distributed the recent issue of “The Connector” newsletter published by the WisDOT.
- Chairman Robl asked if the department has received much summer work from the towns. Mr. Winters informed the committee that the Superintendents are beginning their road checks with the towns this week to determine what work is needed.
- Supervisor Warnke stated that when he visited Congressman Petri’s office they discussed the possibility of cutting funding for two-lane highways. Mr. Warnke is concerned since STH 26 is one of the deadliest in the state. He would like Commissioner Winters to send a letter requesting the state install warning systems – possibly in Waupun and Oshkosh to notify motorists of detours and enable them to plan alternate routes. This item will be put on the next agenda and discussed further.
- Supervisor Albrecht asked Commissioner Winters to remind him how the Parts Supervisor position came to be. Mr. Winters stated that this job was previously held by a long time union foreman for many years. Since that employee recently retired it was determined this position should be a supervisory job. The position was filled from within by a mechanic who is doing a good job.
- Supervisor Egan asked if anyone talked to representatives from the Rosendale Dairy to contribute funding for the CTH M project. Commissioner Winters stated that he has to investigate the State Statutes further to determine if there is a method to make them contribute. He stated it would be his burden of proof to show that that they are damaging the road. Mr. Winters stated he will talk to them about proper load size and weights, etc.

The next regular meeting of the Highway Committee will be held on April 15, 2013. A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary