

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: July 18, 2011

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
David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member
John Haese, Highway Commissioner

ALSO

PRESENT: Tom Buchholz, WisDOT
Kerry Meyer, CH2M Hill

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 A.M. A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, second by Supervisor Warnke to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2011 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.

Tom Buchholz, WisDOT, distributed information regarding a public informational meeting that will be held at the Highway Department facility on July 20th regarding the USH 41 project. The meeting will specifically address the CTH Y, CTH GG and CTH G overpasses. Mr. Buchholz gave an overview on each of the three overpasses stating the designs will be completed by 2012 with construction scheduled for 2015. He reported the following:

- CTH G bridge deck will be replaced and the girders will be painted.
- CTH Y bridge will be reconstructed including approximately 900' of CTH Y east of USH 41 and 1,200' west of USH 41. He also stated the road profile will be raised to improve visibility and a pedestrian/bike trail on the south side of the overpass will also be included in the scope of the project.
- CTH GG bridge will be reconstructed including approximately 1,400' of CTH GG east of USH 41 and 1,600' west of USH 41. There will be a pedestrian/bike trail constructed on the north side of the overpass. The ped paths will have concrete retaining barriers to separate them from the vehicular traffic.

After their presentation on the USH 41 project Mr. Buchholz and Mr. Meyer left the meeting.

Commissioner Haese updated the Committee on the CTH K (Eureka Bridge) project. He stated that he recently met with Ayres Associates and DNR representatives to discuss issues related to the project. Approvals from the State Historical Society have been acquired and signatures are now needed from the Federal Highway Administration. Mr. Haese stated the project is proposed to begin in June of 2012. Prior to construction, the mussels must be removed from under the bridge structure and relocated. The structure will also have to be netted in order to prevent protected species of birds from nesting on the bridge. Mr. Haese stated that several parcels of right of way need to be acquired prior to final approvals and scheduling of a bid letting. The documents must all be submitted to the WisDOT by November 1, 2011 to facilitate a January 2012 bid letting. Commissioner Haese stated that he will keep the committee informed on this project.

A drainage issue along CTH E was discussed. Commissioner Haese stated he has received several telephone calls from property owners along CTH E between Miller Drive and Clairville Road regarding standing water in the roadside ditches. Mr. Haese has been monitoring the situation and had requested documents from the Land & Water Department regarding "as built" plans related to the Algoma Sanitary District facility that was constructed two years ago.

General Operations:

- Chairman Robl inquired as to when the CTH F project will be completed. Mr. Haese stated that the top mat of asphalt will be placed the first week of August.
- Commissioner Haese stated that he will be attending the County Board meeting tomorrow night to give a presentation on the proposed satellite shop in Winchester. Supervisor Albrecht asked how he will address the often used statement that it is 16.5 minutes to anywhere from the Highway Department? Mr. Haese stated that public safety, operational efficiency and costs related to accessing areas west of USH 41 are the key factors in requesting that a satellite facility be constructed at STH 45 and USH 10. He stated that emergency response timing is critical and having staff and equipment located at Winchester will be key in providing that response. Chairman Robl added that traffic has increased in recent years and will continue to do so in the future.
- To date the department has expended approximately 60% of their non-winter funds for 2011.

The next regular meeting of the Highway Committee will be held on August 1, 2011.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary