

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: August 18, 2014

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive

EXCUSED: David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member
Robert Warnke, 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 Chairman Robl to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2014 meeting as written. Motion carried 2-0.

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 informed the committee members that the Highway Department will be receiving additional maintenance funding from the WisDOT. He distributed a handout describing how the data is analyzed and dollars calculated to arrive at the amounts allotted to each county. Winnebago County will be receiving a \$200,000 increase in routine maintenance dollars in 2015 over what was received in 2014. Commissioner Winters stated according to the DOT there will be no increase of winter maintenance funds for 2015 since Winnebago County was not unique to the harsh winter experienced by the rest of the counties. The committee thanked Commissioner Winters for keeping them informed on these topics.

The 2014 Capital Projects were discussed. Commissioner Winters distributed a snapshot of this year's Capital Projects, stating:

- ❖ The mill and paving of CTH Y is done.
- ❖ The reconstruction of CTH T is going well and about 60-70% completed.
- ❖ The reconstruction of the CTH I/CTH N intersection is done with the exception of some minor ditch and driveway adjustments and reinstalling the flashing stop signs.
- ❖ The intersection work on CTH CB/CTH BB will start in September. Outagamie County is the lead agency of this project.
- ❖ The County Park roadway and path project is still awaiting permit approval from the DNR and the City of Oshkosh. If it gets too late into the fall the project may have to be postponed since the hot mix plants close down for the season. Chairman Robl asked if all the drainage issues were resolved in the park. Commissioner Winters stated he is hopeful the issues were addressed by the Parks and Facilities Departments since it is their project.
- ❖ The CTH G Bridge and CTH N Bridge projects are ongoing.
- ❖ Commissioner Winters stated the other project he is contemplating is the CTH A bike/pedestrian path. He plans to revisit the project information before any determinations are made.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters attended training on the overweight agricultural equipment laws that were recently passed. He stated that according to state law, all municipalities will have to address this issue, including each of the towns. Mr. Winters intends to speak at the quarterly Town's meeting on this subject. During training they were provided a number of options to help create their policies. Commissioner Winters stated he will most likely write a County Ordinance to address this issue. This must be completed prior to January 1, 2015.
- The WisDOT completed their study of STH 26. They put all the existing driveways under controlled access jurisdiction. They provided Winnebago County plats and recorded each access with the Register of Deeds office. The State will not approve any new accesses along STH 26 unless they meet the specifications of the future highway. Chairman Robl stated that since STH 26 is a dangerous highway, he suggested that Winnebago County coordinate with Fond du Lac County to get local legislators involved to have STH 26 rebuilt as a 4-lane road in the future.
- Commissioner Winters informed the Committee that American Transmission Company will be installing an electric line from Appleton into Winnebago County on CTH BB at Casaloma Dr.
- Commissioner Winters stated he received some correspondence regarding the Touchmark Retirement Community located on CTH BB east of USH 41. The Commissioner intends to discuss this issue with Outagamie County staff and look for possible solutions.

Chairman Robl noted that since the next regularly scheduled Highway Committee Meeting would fall on Labor Day, he will adjust the meeting dates. Next month's Highway Committee Meetings will be held on September 8th and 22nd.

A motion was made by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Hamblin and carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary