

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: August 23, 2011

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Ken Robl, Highway Committee Chairman
Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member
David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member
Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member
John Haese, Highway Commissioner

EXCUSED: Tim Hamblin, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive

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 August 1, 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.

Commissioner Haese and the committee then began a review of the 2012 Highway Department budget. Supervisor Albrecht joined the meeting at 9:10 A.M. The committee reviewed and discussed the proposed budget in detail. The committee also discussed in length the amount of funds that have been transferred from the Highway Fund to offset the tax levy over the past several years. The amount has gone from \$200,000 in 2008 to \$572,000 in 2011. Commissioner Haese explained that this is an issue that will have to be addressed in future budgets. The department will not be able to sustain offsetting the levy with Highway Funds or the department will face a crisis related to depletion of cash and operating reserves. He also explained that he has been trying to develop plans for addressing this problem. There may be an opportunity to prevent depleting the Highway Fund but it may result in a reduction of services to the traveling public. Commissioner Haese does not support any effort to diminish services to WisDoT, municipalities or any other customers at this time.

Operations:

Commissioner Haese stated that approximately 64% of the total amount of funds budgeted for 2011 operations has been expended at this time.

One of two solar powered blinker type stop ahead signs that were installed at the corner of CTH N and CTH I has been stolen. The sign is valued at over \$1750. The theft has been reported to law enforcement.

The Northeast Region Highway Commissioners notified the Wisconsin County Highway Association (WCHA) that they did not support recent actions by some officers of the WCHA who requested that President Al Geurts resign. The commissioners also did not support Past President Bruce Stelzner and Executive Director Dan Fedderly and requested that they resign their positions effective immediately. The commissioners also requested that WCHA form a task force comprised of current members to undertake a review and revision of the current WCHA bylaws.

Commissioner Haese informed the committee that he had contacted the Algoma Sanitary District in order to address the issue of excessive ground water that has inundated the CTH E roadway ditches from Miller Drive to Clairville Road in the Town of Algoma.

A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, second by Supervisor Warnke to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 A.M. The next regular scheduled meeting of the committee will be on September 12, 2011 at 9:00 A.M.

Recording Secretary,
John M. Haese