

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: September 8, 2014

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

ALSO

PRESENT: Jim Michelson, Citizen

EXCUSED: David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member
Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member

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 August 18, 2014 meeting as written. Motion carried 3-0.

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 Tri-County Bike/Pedestrian Plan was discussed. Winnebago County sponsored the planning project but the funding was provided by federal funds and East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Commissioner Winters distributed the plan draft with maps showing the recommended placement of bike/ped paths. Not all of the recommended locations will be utilized. Mr. Winters stated the plan is 227 pages long and can be accessed online should the committee members wish to make comments. Commissioner Winters stated funding is a big challenge of building these paths and it could be many years before any are constructed. Mr. Winters stated after the final document is approved there will be a presentation by ECWRPC. Mr. Michelson left the meeting.

Commissioner Winters updated the committee members on the Touchmark Retirement Community issue located on CTH BB east of USH 41. Information and a map showing the location of the property was distributed. Mr. Winters recently met with officials from Outagamie County and the Town of Menasha to discuss. Records indicate that the access permit originally issued to Touchmark was intended to be a temporary access with the stipulation that the corporation upgrade the access. It is not known if the community residents contacted Touchmark Corporate office with their issues prior to contacting the local municipalities and legislators. Town of Menasha representatives will work with Touchmark Corporate office to look for a solution. Commissioner Winters will keep the committee updated.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters distributed a handout showing data on traffic issues over the last 13 years. The biggest increase noted was motorcyclist fatalities.
- The CTH CB and Oakridge Road intersection was discussed. The Sheriff's Department conducted a speed study and accumulated crash information. Commissioner Winters stated the study was updated last year and the data did not warrant traffic signals at this location. Mr. Winters stated he is open to suggestions from the committee for a resolution to this issue. Chairman Robl suggested the committee take a road trip to view the intersection. Commissioner Winters stated he will request input from law enforcement and continue his research. One possible solution would be to temporarily install stop signs and program the installation of a roundabout for the future.

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- The STH 441 Project was discussed. In conjunction with that project there will be changes made to the alignments of CTH AP, CTH P, and Appleton Road. During the project design WisDOT made some changes to the railroad crossings that were then approved by the Railroad Commissioner. The Railroad has agreed to make improvements to three or four crossings in that area.
- Commissioner Winters advised the committee that he recently attended training with staff members from the Health Department on how to administer TAP Grant funding. The funds are available for bicycle/pedestrian paths, safe routes to school, etc. The Health Department originally initiated the project that includes the Health, Parks, and Highway Departments.
- Chairman Robl stated the railroad crossing on CTH AA is very rough.

The next regularly scheduled Highway Committee Meeting will be held on September 22, 2014.

A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0.
The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary