

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: October 3, 2011

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

ABSENT: Dave Albrecht, 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 Warnke, second by Supervisor Hamblin to approve the minutes of the September 22, 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 informed the committee that plans, specifications, estimates, mussel relocation and right of way acquisition for the CTH K Bridge project over the Fox River are now complete. However, the WisDoT Local Program managers have informed Winnebago County that the construction cost of the project is above initial estimates. WisDot has requested that Winnebago County, cancel the project, cancel another bridge project and use those funds to offset the increase in construction costs or fund the additional costs 100% with county funds.

Commissioner Haese stated that he will be contacting the WisDoT Local Program managers in order to determine if there are other ways in which the county could fund the project. The PS&E date for the project is November 3, 2011. All funding issues need to be concluded prior to that date. Commissioner Haese will keep the committee informed regarding the request for additional funding.

Commissioner Haese reported that the Highway Department Satellite facility project is moving forward at this time. He explained that the Land and Water Department requested additional information related to the possibility of wetlands existing at the building site. The consulting firm of R.A. Smith requests all of the information related to the project and does all of the work needed to follow up on the project. The Land and Water Department acts as a pass through for this information and collects all of the fees, but R.A. Smith provides all of the field work and documentation regarding this project. Several members of the committee commented on the need to have a Land and Water Department when all of the work is subcontracted to another entity. Commissioner Haese told the committee that the building could be enclosed by the middle of November.

Commissioner Haese requested that the committee approve a budget transfer of \$100,000 which is related to additional funds needed for winter maintenance in October, November and December of 2011. Currently there is only \$9,125.04 remaining in the fund. Supervisor Egan inquired as to how the funds would be redirected if the entire amount of the budget transfer is not utilized. Mr. Haese stated that any winter or summer maintenance funds that remain in the County Highway Maintenance fund balance as of December 31, 2011 revert back to the General County Fund. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, second by Supervisor Egan to approve the budget transfer. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Haese told the committee that the Highway Department Memorial Project has been completed. Ryan Dorschner, an Eagle Scout candidate was involved in the project and coordinated the final phases of the project as part of his requirements to reach that rank in the Boy Scouts. Ryan contacted individual firms and requested material and monetary donations that could be utilized to fund or complete the project. Also, Highway Department staff and AFSCME Local 1903 members donated individual time and funds in order to complete the project.

Operations: Commissioner Haese and the committee discussed the CTH T, West Side Arterial, USH 41 and STH 45 construction projects. Supervisor Warnke asked Commissioner Haese if the selection process had begun regarding a replacement for his position. Mr. Haese stated that he contacted the County Executive regarding the interview process and that he had not received a response as of this time.

A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, second by Supervisor Hamblin to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The next regular scheduled meeting of the committee will be on October 17, 2011 at 9:00 A.M.

Recording Secretary
John M. Haese
Winnebago County Highway Commissioner