

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: December 2, 2013

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

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, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2013 meeting as written. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address any agenda item at this time. There was no public input.

Commissioner Winters displayed a county map highlighting his proposed future projects but stated it is still a work in progress. Some of the future projects discussed were:

- CTH A - Commissioner Winters reported that the road itself is in reasonably good shape but there are some intersections that need attention. He stated that a project rebuilding CTH A could cost between 4-5 million dollars with the right of way acquisition. He stated that since the road is in good shape another alternative would be to construct a separate 5' bike path adjacent to the highway. Supervisor Egan stated he feels that if there is a history of accidents along CTH A the most important thing would be to fix the bad intersections to ensure driver safety. In the past the idea of constructing a road adjacent to CTH A south of Neenah to access the industrial park has been discussed. Supervisor Albrecht stated the City of Neenah should be contacted to determine what their thoughts are on the subject.
- CTH T - From CTH G north to CTH II. The first portion of CTH T from STH 45 to CTH GG was completed in 2013. The second phase from CTH GG to G will be performed in 2014. Mr. Winters stated he applied for STP funding for this portion. Plans to finish the remainder of the route north to CTH II may be completed in 3-4 years. Before the final phase is developed talks will be necessary with the Town of Clayton to possibly straighten out the alignment by means of jurisdictional transfers.
- CTH G - From CTH A to STH 76. Commissioner Winters stated that this mostly urbanized section of highway has seen an increase in traffic volumes, with a rate of approximately 8,000-9,000 vehicles per day. He stated there are also drainage issues to be addressed. He will speak with the City of Neenah on this 2-3 mile project.

Supervisor Albrecht stated he feels Mr. Winters should go ahead with several of these projects and asked if he intends to get the engineering done and have the projects ready to go. Mr. Albrecht stated he feels the reason that Winnebago County's infrastructure is so good is because projects are ready on the shelf and are available to move forward should funding become available.

Commissioner Winters stated he welcomes any input from the committee members as he puts together his future plans. Supervisor Albrecht asked if there is any pressure Winnebago County can put on the WisDOT regarding the STH 116 project from Winneconne to Omro. Mr. Winters stated he believes the STH 116 project is scheduled for 2014 but occasionally dates get changed based on available funding, etc. Mr. Winters also reminded the committee about a joint project with Outagamie County on the CTH CB/BB intersection. Supervisor Warnke questioned the condition of Butler Avenue near the State Hospital. He also reminded Mr. Winters about the intersection of CTH CB at Oakridge Road. Mr. Winters stated he may include those items on his list of possible projects.

General Operations:

- ❖ Commissioner Winters distributed copies of a letter he wrote to the WisDOT regarding the reconstruction of the Winneconne Bridge. In the letter he confirmed the Highway Department's support of the project and asked that the DOT work with the locals to minimize the impacts.
- ❖ Two handouts were distributed. One regarding the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and efforts to raise transportation funding and gas tax. A second from the National Freight Network regarding funding available to allow locals to compete for freight dollars.
- ❖ A notice was distributed for a local officials meeting regarding the STH 26 project to be held in Fond du Lac County.
- ❖ Chairman Robl asked what projects the Highway Department is planning for 2014. Commissioner Winters listed the following: CTH T - from CTH G to GG; the intersection of CTH N/CTH I; mill and pave CTH Z from STH 45 to CTH I; CTH C; CTH Y; and a Parks Dept. project. If the funding is approved the department has 8-9 miles of paving and miscellaneous town work.

Being no further discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary