

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: December 7, 2015

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

EXCUSED: Kenn Olson, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: Bob Doemel, Highway Dept. Engineering Tech.
John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive
Doug Seuso and Jeff Mazanec, R.A. Smith National
Walt Raith, East Central Wisc. Regional Planning Comm.
Jeff Rustick, Schuler & Assoc., Inc.

Chairman Robl called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2015 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was any public input on the agenda. Doug Seuso and Jeff Mazanec, representatives from R.A. Smith introduced themselves and distributed some literature from their consulting firm. The gentlemen gave a brief overview of their previous work in Winnebago County, including work for Land & Water and Planning and Zoning Departments as well as the WisDOT. They asked that the Highway Committee keep them in mind for any future work. The gentlemen then exited the meeting.

A possible drainage easement on Highway Department property was discussed. Jeff Rustick, Schuler & Associates, displayed a map showing where a proposed subdivision may be constructed adjacent to the Highway Department property. Water from this development will be required to drain along the western Highway Dept. property line north to CTH Y. Before an easement is granted Winnebago County will require an agreement in writing stating who is responsible for the maintenance. Commissioner Winters will be meeting next week with representatives from the City of Oshkosh to discuss. This item will be addressed further at a future meeting. Mr. Rustick exited the meeting.

Commissioner Winters updated the Committee members on the CTH I project running from 35th Avenue in the City of Oshkosh southerly to Ripple Avenue. This reconstruction project was originally scheduled to take place in 2018 or 2019. It was recently learned that the City of Oshkosh has plans to replace the sewer under the same stretch of roadway in 2020 or 2021, which would entail tearing up the new road. Commissioner Winters stated that Winnebago County applied for and received one million dollars of STP Urban funding for this project. Since it makes no sense to do a reconstruction and have it immediately compromised with a sewer project, Winnebago County may have to surrender the funding this time. Walt Raith, ECWRPC explained that any other project that could utilize this funding must meet all the requirements of the MPO. Commissioner Winters stated if this funding goes to another

recipient there is a good chance that Winnebago County could be awarded the funding during the next cycle. The Committee asked if Commissioner Winters can review all the projects on the shelf and see if there are any available to meet the urban funding guidelines. This topic will be addressed at the next Highway Committee Meeting.

Commissioner Winters distributed the draft of his proposed Five Year Capital Improvement Projects for the years 2016 to 2020. Included are several potential mill and pave projects and some reconstruction projects.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters noted that last week was Snowplow Driver Appreciation Week. Mr. Winters prepared and sent out a press release to the media. He stated he wished the WisDOT would put more emphasis on this topic than they do.
- The Wisconsin State Legislature passed the **Fast Act (??)** Bill last week. Mr. Winters stated this transportation bill seems to be much healthier for counties than previous bills.

Chairman Robl stated the next regular meeting is scheduled for December 21st. A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary