

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: December 17, 2012

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

EXCUSED: Dave Albrecht, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: Jerry Finch, County Board Supervisor
Mike Exferd, Mead & Hunt

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 A.M. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2012 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. Supervisor Finch stated that he'll address the Committee when they discuss agenda item #5 regarding the USH 10/441 Project. Mike Exferd, Mead & Hunt, stated he stopped in today to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Mead & Hunt. He thanked the committee members for past work and stated he looks forward to continuing to work together in the future. Mr. Exferd then left the meeting.

Commissioner Winters stated that he is requesting to change the position from the current Shop Foreman/Mechanic to a parts room employee. The employee who held the Foreman position previously will be retiring at the end of the month after 40 years with the county. Mr. Winters stated he believes it would be in the best interest of the department to have the Shop Superintendent take on the duties of supervising and assigning work to the mechanics and eliminating the Foreman. Commissioner Winters stated by adjusting the job position he can lower the salary slightly and will request pulling the position out of the union. After discussion, a motion was made by Supervisor Warnke to approve Commissioner Winters recruiting a parts room employee. The motion was seconded by Chairman Robl and carried 4-0. This item will go before the Personnel & Finance Committee and then to the full County Board for approval.

The CTH K Bridge project was discussed. Commissioner Winters stated that the bids for the CTH K Bridge Project in Eureka over the Fox River were recently opened. The project is set to begin in April of 2013, and be completed by the fall of 2013. Mr. Winters reported that the bids came in slightly higher than he had hoped, possibly because of the tight window for construction. The total bid price is \$2.23 million dollars. State Transportation Aids of \$1.6 million dollars will be applied. This includes an additional \$80,000 where the DOT agreed to increase the cap to cover additional construction costs to raise the bridge profile. Winnebago County will be responsible for \$575,000 as their portion of the project. Commissioner Winters stated that the City of Berlin and the local boat clubs were asked to participate in the project, but he feels it is unlikely that they will. Commissioner Winters stated that he will be sending out letters to all the stakeholders and affected towns in January informing them of the construction dates so the local farmers can plan their harvesting season. Supervisor Egan asked if the building located near the bridge could be put up for sale as a movable garage rather than being razed. Commissioner Winters stated he will look into that possibility. A motion was made by Supervisor Egan to approve a budget transfer of \$575,000 to authorize the CTH K Bridge Project in Eureka. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Hamblin and carried 4-0. Commissioner Winters stated that he will take this matter before the Personnel and Finance Committee and full County Board in January.

Commissioner Winters distributed copies of a resolution drafted by Supervisor Jerry Finch that is on the County Board agenda for tomorrow night. The resolution requests that the USH 10/441 interchange project with USH 41 in Winnebago County is not delayed. The State has indicated that it may hold this project for two more years. Chairman Robl stated that when he was contacted by Mr. Finch he suggested that he contact Commissioner Winters since this is a highway matter. Chairman Robl stated that he is more in favor of this project than any other but feels that a resolution should be a joint document with Outagamie and Calumet Counties since they were the original partners in the project. Mr. Robl stated he feels that if all three counties were co-authors of a resolution that it would be taken more seriously in Madison. Mr. Finch stated that he would prefer to do it this way as his resolution deals strictly with the interchange and that he does not want this project to be delayed another 20 years. He stated that once his resolution is passed it could be forwarded to the other counties to do their own versions. Commissioner Winters stated that he will contact Outagamie and Calumet Counties and try to draft a joint resolution regarding the entire USH 10/441 corridor. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve supporting Mr. Finch's resolution requesting that the State of Wisconsin not delay the USH 10/441 interchange and fund it as originally scheduled. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Finch exited the meeting.

Commissioner Winters distributed a resolution of support for second consideration of the Constitutional Amendment to protect the Transportation Fund. This item was approved by the committee at its origin and is now working through the process. The WCHA is requesting support from the counties to pass a second consideration of this amendment and in doing so will allow citizens of Wisconsin to vote for amending the state constitution to ensure transportation revenues are spent for transportation purposes only. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve a resolution supporting the Constitutional Amendment Protecting the Transportation Fund. Motion carried 4-0.

General Operations:

- There is a meeting scheduled tonight on the USH 10/441 project from 4 – 6 p.m. at the Menasha Municipal Complex.
- The WisDOT will be performing a study on STH 26 from Rosendale to Hwy 151. They will be doing a stand alone reconstruction project at Willow Creek Road, the site of several bad accidents. When the DOT studies the entire length of STH 26 from USH 41 to Rosendale the department will have an opportunity to participate.
- Supervisor Egan reported that the flashing stop sign stolen from the Town of Rushford has been recovered, along with many other signs from the area, at a residence in Waushara County. Authorities are investigating.
- The next regular meeting will be held on January 7, 2013.

A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary