

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: January 6, 2014

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

EXCUSED: Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive  
Larry Weisjohn, Town of Nekimi

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 December 16, 2013 meeting as written. Motion carried 3-0. Supervisor Albrecht joined the meeting.

Chairman Robl asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address any agenda items at this time. Larry Weisjohn, a resident of the town of Nekimi, stated he was attending today's meeting regarding agenda item #5, the CTH N project. Mr. Weisjohn questioned if the County was intending to construct CTH I as a four-lane highway out to its intersection with CTH N. Commissioner Winters stated the CTH N project that is being discussed today is a water crossing project that will replace three deficient culverts located west of USH 41. He stated there are no plans to make the CTH I corridor a four-lane highway.

Commissioner Winters distributed draft copies of a letter he wrote to Will Dorsey, WisDOT, regarding the STH 26 improvement project. The letter requests that the State consider the entire length of STH 26 as one corridor when they do the safety improvement project, not just the portion that lies within Fond du Lac County. Mr. Winter's letter pointed out that the portion of STH 26 within Winnebago County has the same safety and performance issues as the southern section and should be looked at the same. Commissioner Winters informed the committee that WisDOT staff will probably be attending one of the highway committee meetings this spring and that would be a good time to discuss the matter. After discussion, the committee decided the letter should also be addressed to Congressman Petri, with copies to all the local legislators. Supervisor Warnke asked that Commissioner Winters add wording to the letter that this project should be a top priority for the State.

The 2014 projected milling and paving jobs were discussed. Commissioner Winters stated there are three projects scheduled for milling and paving in 2014. They are CTH Z from CTH I to STH 45 at a cost of approximately \$800,000; CTH C from STH 26 to the county line for approximately \$300,000; and CTH Y from CTH T to STH 45 estimated at \$450,000. He stated the PASER ratings on all three roads scored between 3-4, which means the roads are due for maintenance. A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve the budget transfers to fund the projects on CTH Z, C and Y. Motion carried 4-0. Supervisor Warnke asked if the County would consider performing a project with a thin concrete overlay instead of asphalt. Chairman Robl stated if that is done it should be performed on a heavily traveled road to see how it holds up. Commissioner Winters stated normally the County uses asphalt because we own a paver and can do the work ourselves. A concrete overlay project would have to be hired out to a contractor. Mr. Winters stated that he will do a cost analysis on concrete overlay vs. asphalt paving.

The consultant selection process was discussed for the CTH N bridge project. Commissioner Winters stated that he invited three consulting firms to the February 3<sup>rd</sup> Highway Committee Meeting. He instructed the firms to submit a proposal and statement of interest, including their fees, if they wish to be included in the interview process. During that meeting the committee will score and choose a firm to design the project. Invitations were sent to Gremmer and Associates, R. A. Smith, and Donohue Associates.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters reported that due to harsh winter weather so far the department has spent a lot of money on snow removal for December. He stated at this time there is still \$400,000 remaining in the 2013 maintenance fund that can be used for winter if need be. If there are a lot more episodes of winter weather during January and February he may have to request additional winter maintenance funds to complete the winter.
- Commissioner Winters asked which committee members will be attending the Highway Conference next week. He stated that since Chairman Robl will not be attending the conference, someone will have to cast a proxy vote for the Association Secretary. Chairman Robl stated that since Supervisor Hamblin is the Vice Chairman that he should cast the proxy vote on his behalf.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer  
Highway Secretary