

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: June 9, 2014

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

Excused: Robert Warnke, 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 Egan, seconded by Supervisor Albrecht to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2014 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.

The 2014 Capital Projects were discussed. Commissioner Winters distributed a list of projects and gave an overview on each of the following projects:

- Winnebago County Park road and trail. The Highway Department is waiting for approvals from the DNR and City of Oshkosh so the project can commence.
- Milling and paving on CTH C and CTH Z will begin this week.
- CTH Y project will start later this summer.
- CTH T reconstruction project was awarded to Michels. The milling will commence next week with the millings hauled to the County Park.
- CTH I and CTH N intersection project. Project designed to increase width, add turn lanes and update the drainage.
- CTH CB and CTH BB. Joint project with Outagamie County to reconstruct the intersection including new traffic signals.
- State PBM (Performance Based Maintenance) program. Winnebago County has been designated for five projects totaling approximately \$400,000. That is the maximum amount anyone in the State received.
- CTH G Bridge design is underway. Since the DOT mandates all projects must meet the requirements of "complete street" status the design had to be updated to include sidewalks. Sidewalk may only be possible on one side to avoid conflict with the sanitary sewer.
- CTH N Bridge east of James Road is in the design phase.
- The WisDOT will be awarding a bid for construction of a 3,000 ton salt shed at the intersection of STH 26 and CTH N in Winnebago County. The project includes two message boards on US 41. The project is anticipated to be complete by September 2014.

Commissioner Winters stated a few issues came up at the Summer Highway Conference that he'd like to review:

- Legislation on the IOH (Implementation of Husbandry) regarding overweight agricultural hauling process was discussed. An outline was provided with options that municipalities can use to address the new legislation. Commissioner Winters stated a County ordinance will have to be created to enforce the rules that encompass everyone hauling oversize loads. Supervisor Albrecht stated the written ordinance should use common sense. Commissioner Winters stated he will draft an ordinance and bring back to a future meeting.

- The State mowing policy was discussed. Currently the WisDOT only allows one mowing cycle per year on the state highways for budgetary reasons. In the past many of the counties have repeatedly complained that was not enough to keep the vegetation short for safety reasons. The new State policy will allow counties to mow more often in certain areas, such as urban, high volume, or 4-6 lane highways. The details are still being worked on but it's anticipated the new policy will begin this summer.

General Operations:

- ❖ Commissioner Winters informed the Committee that one of the department's mechanics turned in his resignation this week. That will create a job opening in the department.
- ❖ WisDOT owns over 100 sign structures located in Winnebago County. Recently the DOT announced that they expect the locals to inspect and maintain these structures. The Highway Department has three over-lane signs. Commissioner Winters will bring this item back to a future meeting when he has more information.
- ❖ Commissioner Winters distributed copies of an invitation he received from Congressman Ribble. A transportation forum will be held on July 1st in Green Bay that will include WisDOT Secretary Mark Gottlieb and other panelists to discuss transportation issues.
- ❖ A STH 441 project outline was distributed showing the timeframe and schedule of work. Supervisor Albrecht stated he'd like this information included in the County Board packets for the following meeting. Commissioner Winters also distributed an update on the US 41 project provided by DOT.
- ❖ The STH 441 intersection with CTH P was discussed. Commissioner Winters stated the ramps exiting at CTH P by the convenience store will be impacted, and possibly made into a roundabout. The DOT is working with the locals to see what their preferred alternative will be. There will also be a hearing with the Railroad to discuss removing the tracks in that area.

Chairman Robl stated the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Highway Committee will be held on July 7th. (After the meeting, it was discovered that this date was incorrect. A meeting will be held on June 23rd)

A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary