

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: October 18, 2010

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Ken Robl, Highway Committee Chairman
Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member
Tim Hamblin, Highway Committee Member
Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member
David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member
John Haese, Highway Commissioner

ALSO

PRESENT: Kathi Sawall, Town of Nekimi resident
Jen Folske, Town of Nekimi resident
Lt. Joe Kroncke, Winnebago Co. Sheriff's Dept.
Guy Hegg, Winnebago County Board Member

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2010 meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was anyone from the public who wanted to address any agenda items at this time. The Town of Nekimi residents asked if they'd be able to speak when agenda item #5 was discussed. Chairman Robl stated that they could. There was no further public input at this time. Mr. Albrecht entered the meeting.

Commissioner Haese asked if they could move agenda item #5 to the beginning of the meeting, and Chairman Robl approved. Mr. Haese stated that he recently met with staff from the City of Oshkosh, WisDOT, East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, and the Town of Algoma to discuss the proposed Oshkosh area West Side Arterial. The meeting addressed only that portion of the corridor from 9th Street Road to STH 21. The town was requesting that the future interchange on STH 21 be located on Leonard Point Road instead of east of Sand Pit Road. The WisDoT informed the group that further investigation would be necessary in order to determine how moving the interchange would impact STH 21 when it gets upgraded to freeway status in the future. The WisDoT stated that they will limit the number of accesses to STH 21 in the future. The officials at the meeting determined it was in the best interest of all involved to do further review in regards to the impacts associated with moving the interchange to Leonard Point Road. The group will meet again, probably after the first of the year, to revisit the issue.

Kathi Sawall, a resident of the Town of Nekimi requested that the Town of Nekimi be notified whenever there is a meeting regarding the West Side Arterial. Commissioner Haese explained that the towns are not usually invited to or notified of meetings in which staff discusses details of projects such as the West Side Arterial. However, once the staff meeting has taken place, he would place an item on the Highway Committee agenda that indicates that a report on the activities of the staff will be provided to the committee. Anyone from the general public including town residents may then elect to attend the committee meeting in order to receive the information that is provided at that time.

The policy related to Town Bridge/Culvert Aid and State Statute 82.08 was discussed. Commissioner Haese asked the committee members if they had a chance to review the policy he distributed at the last meeting and if they have any questions/comments. Mr. Haese stated that he would make two changes to the policy. First he would delete item #6 since all culverts under the County Aid program must follow State Statutes regarding the 36" minimum size; and item #7 would require that local municipalities take responsibility to ensure culvert inspections are completed annually. Supervisor Albrecht asked if there is a maximum price limit in the policy for culvert replacements. Commissioner Haese stated there is not. Supervisor Hamblin asked if this policy needed to be forwarded to Corporation Counsel and the full County Board for approval. Commissioner Haese stated he will contact Mr. Bodnar and inquire about approval of the policy by the board. After discussion, a motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve the policy written by Mr. Haese regarding the Town Bridge/Culvert Aid after deleting item #6. Motion carried 5-0.

The CTH P design was discussed. Commissioner Haese stated design work is necessary in order to determine plans, specifications and estimates for the project. He stated that a budget transfer of \$25,000 would be necessary to fund the design work. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve the budget transfer of \$25,000 to fund the design of CTH P and its approaches to the structure over STH 441. Motion carried 5-0.

The proposed 2011 budget was discussed. Commissioner Haese stated that budget meetings will begin next week with the County Board, and that he has no changes to his budget at this time. Supervisor Egan asked if the capital equipment proposed to be purchased is necessary. Commissioner Haese explained that having modern, well maintained equipment is the key to providing service to the public regarding winter maintenance. Mr. Haese explained that old unreliable equipment that is prone to breakdowns or needs constant repairs is not conducive to providing good service to the traveling public especially during the winter maintenance season.

Supervisor Warnke asked if the Highway Department had been requested by the Facilities Department to raze the old Park View buildings. Commissioner Haese stated that he has been in contact with the Facilities Director since April of 2010 since the Highway Committee has repeatedly asked for updates related to the razing of the old Park View facility. The Facilities Director indicated to the Highway Department in August that the project would probably not commence until December. Commissioner Haese stated that the department may not be available to become involved in the project at that time due to the commitment of vehicles and personnel to winter maintenance. Mr. Albrecht questioned if the Highway Department crews would be subject to the prevailing wage law if they performed the work. Mr. Haese stated that if work is done for another county entity they are not covered by the prevailing wage law like a private contractor would be. Mr. Hamblin stated that the Facilities Director informed him that he has a contractor lined up who specializes in razing and recycling these types of buildings. The contractor guaranteed that he can pay the county several hundred thousand dollars from the recyclables recovered from this project.

Commissioner Haese informed the Committee that highway crews finished paving and striping the former Oshkosh B'Gosh parking lot last Friday. He also noted some drainage issues from the adjacent building that should be addressed.

General Operations:

- Citizens from Grundman Lane contacted Commissioner Haese regarding the installation of street lights at the intersection of their road with CTH A. Mr. Haese informed them that the county does not participate in street lighting, but if the town would fund the project that the department would give them permission to install the lights.
- As of date the department has expended 68% of their total 2010 budget.
- Chairman Robl stated he observed many semi trucks carrying sludge on CTH M between Pickett and the Fond du Lac County line that may be damaging the surface integrity of CTH M. Commissioner Haese stated he will investigate and if necessary the county could place a Class B weight limit on the highway.

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