

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: February 15, 2010

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Ken Robl, Highway Committee Chairman
Joanne Sievert, Highway Committee Member
Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member
Tim Hamblin, Highway Committee Member
John Haese, Highway Commissioner

EXCUSED: David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: Rob Way, Parks Director
John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive
Jan DeKeyser, Town of Neenah
Lt. Todd Christie, Winnebago County Sheriff's Dept.
Kathi Sawall, Town of Nekimi citizen
Jen Folske, Town of Nekimi citizen

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Sievert, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2010 committee meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was any input on any agenda items by the public. There was no input from the public.

Commissioner Haese asked if agenda item #4 could be discussed first since Winnebago County Parks Director Rob Way was present. Mr. Haese explained that while attending the Personnel & Finance Committee meeting last week, County Board Chairman David Albrecht requested that he contact Mr. Way in order to coordinate upgrading the Eureka Park boat landing and ramp with the CTH E project.

CTH E will be resurfaced this summer and since it lies adjacent to CTH E it would be the most cost effective time to upgrade the parking lot at the park. The material that will be milled off of CTH E could be used as the base material in the parking lot and access road, thereby achieving additional savings. Mr. Way agreed that this would be the ideal time to complete the Eureka boat landing project, but stated he had not allocated funds in his 2010 budget.

Supervisor Sievert asked Mr. Way how much money is generated annually from the boat launch fees. Mr. Way stated approximately \$100,000 per year gross. He also stated that his department has a contingency fund of approximately \$50,000 that could be used to fund this project if Commissioner Haese could provide him with an estimated cost to do the project. Commissioner Haese stated that he and Mr. Way should meet at the site to discuss the scope and project limits. The Highway Department will then provide an estimate to the Parks Department so Mr. Way can take the issue to his committee and the full county board for approval. Supervisor Hamblin questioned if this project falls under the prevailing wage rate rules. Commissioner Haese stated that since the work would be done for another county department it is not subject to the prevailing wage law.

There was a public informational meeting held last week regarding the proposed CTH A project design. Commissioner Haese stated that he received some very positive comments from those in attendance. He also stated he was contacted by State Senator Mike Ellis, who is an adjoining landowner on CTH A, who voiced concerns about placing the pedestrian/bike trail on the west side of the road rather than the east side. Mr. Haese contacted the design consultants who informed him that to place the trail on the east side of CTH A it may cost a minimum of one million dollars for the acquisition of residences and additional right of way from properties along Lake Winnebago. This cost does not include additional engineering design costs. Supervisor Hamblin inquired as to why there is no roundabout planned at the intersection with Indian Point Road and CTH A. Commissioner Haese stated that he did not recall why a roundabout was not considered or proposed for that intersection. He stated that he would discuss this issue with the consultant and inform Supervisor Hamblin about the discussion at the next meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by Supervisor Sievert to not change the current design plan for the CTH A project. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Warnke and the motion was carried 4-0.

Poberezny Road from STH 26 to Ripple Avenue was discussed. Commissioner Haese stated Poberezny Road is under the jurisdiction of the Town of Nekimi. County Executive Harris and Representative Hintz are in the process of trying to procure funding for the repair or reconstruction of the highway since it is a major access road for the EAA. Mr. Haese stated he was provided with estimates of \$1,150,000 to reconstruct the road from STH 26 to Ripple Avenue.

Supervisor Sievert questioned why this is being discussed since the road belongs to the Town of Nekimi. Commissioner Haese stated he was instructed to provide general information for this project since EAA provides a large economic impact on Winnebago County. Commissioner Haese stated that perhaps this project should be earmarked by Congressman Petri's office for consideration.

General Operations:

- The WisDOT announced it will be removing the 20th Avenue bridge over USH 41 in Oshkosh beginning February 23rd. The work will be performed from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. over three consecutive nights. During construction the traffic from USH 41 will be re-routed along Koeller Street. The Witzel Avenue bridge will be removed beginning March 2nd using the same hours. That traffic will be detoured via Washburn Street.
- The WisDOT also announced it will begin construction of a new structure on Adams Street over the Neenah Slough. Adams Street will be closed at the bridge and traffic detoured along South Lake Street, Main and Harrison Streets.
- Supervisor Hamblin asked about a letter he received from the Town of Menasha regarding access to CTH CB adjacent to property that is owned by Mr. Robert Pheifer. Commissioner Haese stated this is regarding the property that Mr. Pheifer was paid \$79,000 to sever access to CTH CB during the construction of the road several years ago. Commissioner Haese stated he is in favor of developing the property in question, but the Highway Committee and County Board of Supervisors would need to address the issue of repayment of the \$79,000 that Mr. Pheifer and his associates received when the land was originally severed from CTH CB.

A motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary