

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: September 5, 2018

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Ken Robl, Highway Committee Chairman
David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member
Chuck Farrey, Highway Committee Member
Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member
Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member
Raymond Palonen, Highway Commissioner

Chairman Robl called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2018 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was any public input on the agenda items. There was none. Supervisor Warnke joined the meeting.

Commissioner Palonen read a resolution that he drafted to start the process of transferring three segments of county highway that lie within the incorporated boundaries to the City of Oshkosh. He stated that if approved by Winnebago County, it would have to go to the City of Oshkosh to be approved. If agreed by both entities, Commissioner Palonen would submit all the necessary documents to the State for their approval. The three roadway segments are 1.) CTH I beginning at Waukau Ave. to 24th Ave. for a distance of 4,000 ft.; 2.) CTH K beginning at South Park Ave. to Oakwood Rd. for a distance of 7,600 ft.; 3.) CTH E beginning at Koeller St. to Westhaven Dr. for a distance of 4,000 ft. Discussion followed. Supervisor Farrey stated that philosophically he opposes this idea, but with the changes and requirements being updated by the DNR and EPA it may be in the County's best interest to approve these transfers. Supervisor Egan asked if there will be any work done on these sections of highway before the jurisdictional transfers take place, and if the transfer will impact the amount of transportation aids the County receives from the State. Commissioner Palonen stated there is no work scheduled on these sections of road and the amount of state aid could be reduced slightly, but the aid is based on road miles so the impact would be minor. After further discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht to recommend the County Board approve a resolution to transfer jurisdiction of CTH I (Waukau Ave. to 24th Ave.), CTH K (South Park Ave. to Oakwood Rd.) and CTH E (Koeller St. to Westhaven Dr.) to the City of Oshkosh with the stipulation that the agreement be reviewed and approved by Corporation Counsel prior. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Warnke and carried 5-0.

The potential sale of excess county right of way along Bison Road in the Town of Winchester was discussed. Commissioner Palonen distributed a site map and stated that currently the parcel is rented out to a farmer for agricultural use. After discussion the committee stated that they'd like Commissioner Palonen to start the process of exploring the possibility of selling the parcel, and provide the details to the Committee at a future meeting.

The following were reported as project updates:

- A public informational meeting was held last week regarding the CTH A project. Discussions were held at the meeting regarding the lack of a pedestrian/bike trail due to the State changing their eminent domain law.
- The CTH K paving project is nearing completion.
- The CTH R paving project is scheduled for the middle of next week.
- The roundabout at the Secura site is moving along. The curb and gutter work is done, and flat work is under way.
- The construction of a new salt shed in the Village of Fox Crossing is progressing slowly. Due to the large amounts of rain lately, the site has flooded and been pumped out several times.
- The large box culvert on CTH N has not been set yet. The contractor has a completion deadline of November 1st.
- The department has completed nearly all the town work for this season.
- The epoxy floor coating in the shop has begun. It is scheduled for completion next week.
- The HHS parking lots have not been completed yet. Due to the large amount of construction in downtown Oshkosh, and for ease of employee parking, it may be a good idea to pave one lot this year, and postpone the other until next year.
- The three sealcoating projects have been completed by the contractor. They were done at the County Administration Building, the Courthouse and Health Department in Neenah.
- The epoxy bridge work has been completed. Work was done on the CTH D Bridge, CTH II overpass, and the Main Street Bridge.

The next meeting of the Highway Committee will be held on Monday, September 17th.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Laura Spanbauer
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