

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: March 5, 2012

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

EXCUSED: Dave Albrecht, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive
William Anthes, Winnebago County Sheriff's Dept.

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 February 20, 2012 meeting as written. Motion carried 3-0. Supervisor Hamblin joined the meeting.

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.

Commissioner Winters stated he is requesting approval from the Highway Committee for the CTH M resurfacing project. The project is a seven mile section from CTH II to STH 116 at a cost of 1.8 million dollars. There will be \$149,000 of CHIP funds used to offset the cost of the mill and pave project. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Warnke to approve a resolution to fund the CTH M project. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Hamblin and carried 4-0.

The CTH H resurfacing project was discussed. Commissioner Winters stated this eight mile section of CTH H from CTH AH to the Waushara County line will be a mill and pave project. The project is estimated at 2.2 million dollars and he expects it to add 15-20 years of useful life to the road. A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve the resolution funding the CTH H resurfacing project. Motion carried 4-0. Supervisor Hamblin inquired if all the culverts along these two sections of road had been inspected and repaired. Commissioner Winters stated the department would follow the normal process of addressing the culverts before any road construction commences.

The CTH T reconstruction project was discussed. Commissioner Winters stated the bid letting will be held on March 29th for the section of CTH T from CTH Y to CTH GG, including a roundabout at the intersection of CTH T and CTH Y. Mr. Winters stated he anticipates bringing the bids to the first committee meeting in April for review and will then need approval from the full County Board to proceed.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters stated he was recently informed by City of Oshkosh staff that they will be forwarding him correspondence regarding the proposed Oshkosh Area West Side Arterial. After Mr. Winters receives the correspondence he will include this item on a future committee meeting agenda.
- Commissioner Winters stated the meeting hosted by the WisDOT at this facility on February 23rd regarding the USH 41/STH 21 interchange was well attended. He stated effective March 19th the interchange will be closed for construction. The STH 21 interchange, including the ramps is scheduled to reopen later this fall.
- Mr. Winters stated he received correspondence from Harry Sturgis regarding maintenance of the CTH CB recreational trail. Mr. Sturgis provided a copy of a resolution signed by the Town of Neenah taking responsibility for the maintenance of the CTH CB trail located within their town limits. Commissioner Winters stated Winnebago County is not responsible for the potholes adjacent to the trail that need addressing.

- Commissioner Winters is drafting a letter to notify anyone who attended the public informational meetings that the CTH K Eureka Bridge Project has been postponed. A copy will be mailed to all of the names and addresses on the sign-in sheets that are legible.
- The Winnebago County Parks Director contacted Commissioner Winters regarding possibly constructing a crosswalk on CTH Y to connect the county park and the Expo Center. Supervisor Egan stated the UW Extension requested the county construct a storage building on the Expo Center site and if it is not approved the crosswalk may be necessary for safety of parks employees and the public crossing CTH Y to attend functions at the fairgrounds.
- Representatives from the WisDOT will be present at the next Highway Committee meeting to be held on March 19th. Mr. Winters informed the committee members if they have any questions for the WisDOT staff that they bring them to the meeting or forward to him and he'll include on his list for them to address.
- Supervisor Egan stated last Friday night while traveling during a snow event he noted that the condition on some county roads in Fond du Lac County were in better condition than in Winnebago County. Commissioner Winters stated it may be based on where his plow truck driver was in his route. First priority is given to state roads and Winnebago County has more miles of state roads to maintain than any surrounding counties. Mr. Winters also stated that he has witnessed just the opposite at times, where crossing from Fond du Lac County to Winnebago County he has called the Fond du Lac County superintendents to inform them their roads need attention.
- Chairman Robl asked if the new Winchester Shed was complete. Commissioner Winters stated that the department is currently using the facility and it is virtually complete with the exception of blacktopping the parking lot which will be completed this summer.
- Supervisor Egan inquired if the WisDOT had determined a new site for the salt shed that was originally planned for Planeview Drive. Mr. Winters stated he believes the WisDOT is still searching for a new location.

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

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary