

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: July 21, 2014

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

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 Hamblin to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2014 meeting as written. Motion carried 5-0.

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.

Commissioner Winters distributed a draft resolution to the Committee that conveys a remnant parcel of land on CTH D. The Highway Department has no use for the land and it is too small to be buildable as a stand alone parcel. The adjacent property owner has agreed to pay all costs associated with taking ownership of the parcel. Commissioner Winters spoke with Corporation Counsel John Bodnar who agreed to convey the property to the adjacent landowner for \$1.00. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht to approve a resolution to convey this remnant right of way parcel on CTH D to the abutting property owner with John Bodnar's approval. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Egan and carried 5-0. Commissioner Winters stated that he will bring a list of additional remnant parcels owned by the Highway Department to a future meeting after he determines if any of them can be disposed of and placed back on the tax rolls.

A potential Jurisdictional Transfer of a portion of CTH T through Larsen was discussed. Commissioner Winters distributed a map and information on the road. Recently Town of Clayton representatives approached the Highway Department hoping to reopen earlier discussions on this matter. In 2010 when the item was first addressed no agreement could be reached. Commissioner Winters stated there is approximately 1.5 million dollars of rural federal funding available that could be used for the portion of CTH T from CTH G to CTH II if an agreement can be made. Chairman Robl stated he feels that CTH T should go straight following the Pioneer Rd. alignment if possible. Supervisor Hamblin questioned if there would be any bike/pedestrian path funding available for this project. Commissioner Winters asked the Committee if they are willing to meet with Town of Clayton representatives to discuss the matter in detail after he figures the associated costs. He will bring this item back to a future meeting.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters reported that the Town of Algoma has about \$260,000 in 2014 Culvert Aid funds coming for a project on Oakwood Road. Recently town officials contacted Commissioner Winters stating that the construction bids came in way higher than their consultant originally anticipated. The town is now requesting to cost share the higher dollar amount. Commissioner Winters sent them a letter stating there is no need to increase the project budget at this time until they know the actual project costs and whether or not the Sanitary District will cover some of the utility costs.

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- Commissioner Winters informed the Committee that he recently met with several residents who have been unhappy with the drainage issues for several years near the CTH GG and US 41 bridge project. Staff from WisDOT also attended the meetings and delivered reasonable solutions to the issues.
- The State Department of Natural Resources may be making a change to their policy on picking up car-kill deer. Currently the State hires an individual to remove the carcasses. The DNR may soon be requesting the County Highway Departments dispose of the deer and are willing to pay for it based on a formula average. Mr. Winters stated according to the information provided to him the DNR recorded 218 dead deer in Winnebago County in 2013. More information will be forthcoming on this item.
- Commissioner Winters reported that representatives from WisDOT will be making their annual visit and attending the next regular Highway Committee meeting on August 4th. He asked that committee members come prepared with questions or comments for them. Supervisor Egan stated he will not be at that meeting.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary