

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: November 16, 2015

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

EXCUSED: Kenn Olson, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive

Chairman Robl called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2015 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was any public input on the agenda. There was none.

Commissioner Winters distributed a map and information regarding some right of way located along STH 116 that was originally purchased by Winnebago County and held in trust for the WisDOT. Since neither the County nor State have any need for this piece of property the land could be conveyed to the abutting property owner. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Egan to approve the conveyance of right of way on STH 116 originally purchased by Winnebago County and held in trust for the WisDOT back to them. Motion seconded by Supervisor Warnke and carried 4-0. This item should go before the full County Board in December.

Commissioner Winters distributed a handout to update the Committee on the CTH I Project from 35th Avenue in the City of Oshkosh south to Ripple Avenue. The project was originally designed as a four-lane concrete section to match the City portion of roadway. Winnebago County received one-million dollars in STP funding toward this project with the County responsible for the balance. During research, Commissioner Winters learned that the current 2015 traffic counts on CTH I do not warrant a four-lane road but may meet the criteria in the future. Also, the City of Oshkosh is planning to do a sewer project in 2020 in the same area. The sewer project will require CTH I be torn up. Commissioner Winters asked if that is a good expenditure of one-million dollars or if it would be wiser to wait until after the City sewer project is completed to do the road project. Mr. Winters stated he feels there are three possible options: 1) Request the City of Oshkosh move their project date up; 2) Ask the WisDOT for an extension agreement to postpone the project for a few years without losing the STP entitlement; 3) Surrender the funding in hopes that it will be available for a future project. After discussion the Committee recommended that Commissioner Winters see if the City will consider moving their project date up or the DOT will allow an extension. If neither of those options work they would like to see if the money can be used on a different project instead of forfeiting it. Commissioner Winters stated he will meet with representatives from the City of Oshkosh to discuss. Chairman Robl stated he would like to see the City's future plans.

Commissioner Winters updated the Committee on an easement request by a developer who plans to build a subdivision directly to the south of the Highway Facilities. The easement would be necessary to drain the water along the west Highway Department property line out to CTH Y and to the I-41 drains. Chairman Robl stated he would like the developers to attend a future meeting to discuss.

General Operations:

- The agenda for the Winter Highway Conference was distributed and discussed.
- Supervisor Egan stated he was surprised to learn that the proposed project along Butler Avenue was given to the Facilities Department instead of the Highway Department since roads are within their area of expertise and not that of the Facilities Department. Commissioner Winters stated that he will be attending a meeting on December 9th regarding this project.
- Commissioner Winters reported that there is a large parcel of land located along CTH CB that currently has a driveway access owned by a utility company. No other driveways would be allowed based on the County's Access Control Ordinance. The best option to gain access to that parcel would be in the form of a shared use agreement with the utility company.

Chairman Robl stated the next regular meeting will be held on December 7, 2015. A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary