

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: July 20, 2015

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Ken Robl, Highway Committee Chairman
Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member
Kenn Olson, Highway Committee Member
David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member
Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: Bill Demler, Highway Maintenance Superintendent
Loanne Owens-Flaig, Highway Office Manager
Jamey Gosz, Highway Equipment Superintendent

Chairman Robl called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Olson, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2015 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0. Supervisor Albrecht joined the meeting.

Since there was no public present the Committee moved onto item # 3 - Review & Discuss Operations and Projects. At this time Bill Demler, Highway Maintenance Superintendent, updated the committee members on projects that the department is currently working on or have completed to date this year. Some of those items include:

- Paving was completed on CTH I and CTH N. Both roads were widened and made bike friendly.
- The department is currently paving CTH F from CTH K to the Omro city limits.
- CTH Z will be milled and paved from CTH I to STH 26 in August.
- CTH BB will be milled and paved in September.
- CTH II from Pioneer Road to Brecklin's Loop Road will be chip sealed.
- Waukau Avenue near the Airport had ruts filled and was chip sealed. This was a temporary fix prior to the 2015 EAA convention. The road may need a future capital improvement project.
- The Highway Department also has work to do for the WisDOT. This includes two PBM crack sealing jobs on STH 44 and USH 45; concrete repairs; and shouldering STH 10 from the Waupaca Co. line to CTH CB.
- Several municipalities also have work scheduled for the Highway Department including paving, paver patching, culvert replacements and chip sealing.

Mr. Demler stated the department has a lot of work that should take them right into late fall.

Jamey Gosz, Highway Equipment Superintendent, reported on current Shop operations and the equipment owned by the department. He stated most vehicles have a 15-year turn around if the budget allows in order to keep the fleet in good shape. He also informed the Committee members that new equipment is much more costly to repair due to the large amount of electronic parts and specialized service. Mr. Gosz stated that the Highway Department mechanics do nearly all of the repair work in-house and also do service work for several other County departments. He then fielded questions by the Committee.

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Loanne Owens-Flaig, Highway Office Manager, stated that she and Commissioner Winters are still preparing the 2016 budget. More information on that budget and the requested capital equipment purchases will be presented to the Committee at a later date. Regarding the current budget, Ms. Owens-Flaig stated that to date none of the 2015 capital projects have gone over budget. The large Parks Department paving project came in under budget. Ms. Owens-Flaig stated that currently there is approximately 63% of winter maintenance funds available to finish out the end of this year.

After discussion, the Committee thanked the Highway Department administrative staff for attending today's meeting and updating them.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary