

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: August 4, 2014

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

EXCUSED: Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member
Dave Albrecht, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: WisDOT representatives: Will Dorsey, Colleen Harris, Brian Roper, Brian Brock, Kurt Wranovsky
Highway Department Staff: Jamey Gosz, Jon Groth, Bill Demler, Loanne Owens-Flaig

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 A.M. A motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2014 meeting as written. Motion carried 3-0.

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.

Introductions were made of everyone in attendance at today's meeting. Will Dorsey, WisDOT NE Region Director, thanked the Highway Department for the work they do on behalf of the State of Wisconsin. Mr. Dorsey stated that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has a \$680 million dollar shortfall for the next several years but noted that recently the federal government approved an extension to fund transportation into the spring of 2015. Maps and a list of the State's six-year improvement program were distributed. Each project was summarized by the DOT staff. Discussion with Committee members followed. After completing the discussion, Brian Brock, DOT, reiterated the State's appreciation to all the safety related departments within Winnebago County for their cooperation during winter maintenance activities. Commissioner Winters stated that he appreciates the WisDOT's assistance and cooperation as well. Members of the WisDOT exited the meeting.

Commissioner Winters distributed an outline of the 2015 Highway Department Budget Issues. He and Chairman Robl will be attending a budget review meeting with County Executive Harris on August 18th. The handout addressed budget items including potential capital projects, culvert and bridge aid projects, and equipment purchase requests for 2015. Discussion followed. Mr. Winters thanked his staff for their participation in preparing the budget. Highway Department staff exited the meeting.

General Operations:

- Chairman Robl asked when the CTH I and N reconstruction project will be completed. Commissioner Winters stated it should be done later this month or September.
- Commissioner Winters distributed copies of legislative issues being considered by the WCHA. They include authorizing counties to assess a .5% local tax for transportation; having a State buyout option for Federally funded projects; and ensuring that Highway Fund revenues are used for transportation purposes only.
- Commissioner Winters stated that he will be conducting interviews for the open positions of one Mechanic and one Janitor/Watchman for the department.

A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary