

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: December 15, 2014

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

ALSO

PRESENT: Mark Harris, County Executive
John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive
Penny Bernard Schaber, State Rep. 57th District
Gordon Hintz, State Rep. 54th District
Amanda Stuck, Representative Elect

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 A.M. A motion was made by Supervisor Hamblin, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve the minutes of the December 1, 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.

The Committee decided to address agenda item #4 at this time since the legislators who had replied that they would be in attendance were not present yet. Commissioner Winters stated that he recently attended a meeting including representatives from the WisDOT, the City of Oshkosh, and the Town of Algoma. The WisDOT requested the meeting to discuss where and what type of intersection they should include while mapping the STH 21 corridor. Mr. Winters stated that no action was taken at the meeting. He informed the Committee that he may need to request funding for a consultant to evaluate what type of intersection is necessary. The City of Oshkosh and Town of Algoma will meet again to start the mapping process.

State Representatives Penny Bernard Schaber, Gordon Hintz and Representative Elect Amanda Stuck joined the meeting. Introductions were made. Commissioner Winters distributed copies of documents, including a short analysis of the State budget and the proposed measures to cover the shortfall. Discussion followed. County Executive Harris expressed concern that if any new funding source is used solely for the transportation fund that the General Purpose Revenue account will be further underfunded. Supervisor Warnke stated that he does not agree with one of the funding sources that would include adding an \$800 fee on new vehicle purchases, that it would put too great a burden on the taxpayer. The State Representatives stated that no repairs are popular with everyone and asked for suggestions to increase the transportation fund. Ms. Bernard Schaber stated that both the State and Federal transportation funds are in big trouble and cannot sustain the current level of spending. Chairman Robl stated he believes it is very important to keep the existing infrastructure safe. The State Representatives thanked everyone for their input and asked that they keep them informed from the local level. They then exited the meeting.

Commissioner Winters asked if based on today's discussion if he should draft a letter to the legislators sharing the Committee's thoughts. The Committee decided since the proposed budget repairs are in the preliminary stage they would wait to respond. They did ask Commissioner Winters to send a letter thanking the representatives for attending the meeting today.

The upcoming Winter Highway Conference was discussed. Commissioner Winters stated that several topics will be presented this year that may be of interest to the Committee members.

1. Discussion on the WisDOT's PBM (performance based maintenance) program and how it moves into the future.
2. The possibility of having counties do their own engineering work.
3. The IoH (Implement of Husbandry) permitting process.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters informed the Committee that interviews have been conducted for the two new Highway Department positions that will become effective in 2015.
- The IoH Resolution will be on the County Board agenda for tomorrow night. Commissioner Winters is planning to attend the meeting.

Chairman Robl stated that the next regular meeting will be held on January 5, 2015. A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary