

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: February 15, 2016

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

EXCUSED: Kenn Olson, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive
Loanne Owens-Flaig, Highway Office Manager
Bill Demler, Highway Maintenance Superintendent
Jamey Gosz, Highway Equipment Superintendent

Chairman Robl called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Albrecht to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2016 meeting as written. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was any public input on the agenda. There was none. Supervisor Warnke joined the meeting.

Loanne Owens-Flaig, Highway Department Office Manager/Accountant, updated the committee on the Highway Budget. She stated that to date the department has used approximately 44% of its winter maintenance budget compared to 25% at this time last year. She noted that she is in the process of finalizing the 2015 budget numbers. Ms. Owens-Flaig fielded questions from the Committee regarding the department's financial status.

Bill Demler, Highway Maintenance Superintendent, gave the committee a breakdown of the proposed 2016 Highway Department projects and operations. Mr. Demler stated the following paving projects are scheduled:

- CTH G – from Woodenshoe Road to STH 76
- CTH II – from STH 76 to Irish Road (mill and pave)
- CTH M – Hwy 10 to the north county line
- CTH GG – from CTH T to STH 45

He also stated there will be some County Aid culvert replacements for the towns and possibly some more PBM (Performance Based Maintenance) work from the WisDOT. Mr. Demler fielded questions regarding the department's operations. Supervisor Warnke inquired if there is adequate staff at the Highway Department. Mr. Demler stated that he has just enough employees for each job but no extras to cover if someone is off. He stated that when the STH 441 project gets completed the department will need to increase staff for winter maintenance duties since that highway will require two shifts to maintain.

Jamey Gosz, Highway Equipment Superintendent, reviewed the list of Capital Equipment purchases for 2016 that are ordered or in process. These include:

- Quad axle truck with winter equipment
- Street sweeper
- Steel drum roller
- Arrow board
- Riding mower
- Floor scrubber
- Forklift

Also included for 2016 is the replacement of shop floor drains and overhead doors that are past their useable life. An upgrade to the fuel system is also being investigated.

General Operations:

- ❖ Supervisor Egan informed the Committee that County Executive Harris has decided to turn the Butler Avenue Project over to the Highway Department instead of Facilities & Property Management Department.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary