

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: March 7, 2016

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

EXCUSED: David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member

### ALSO

PRESENT: Loanne Owens-Flaig, Highway Department Office Manager  
John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive  
Guy Hegg, Supervisor District #27

Chairman Robl called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Olson to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2016 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was any public input on the agenda. Ms. Owens-Flaig stated she was stopping in the meeting today to announce her retirement. She thanked the committee members and stated she genuinely appreciated the opportunity to work for Winnebago County the last 35 years. The committee members all congratulated her and wished her well in her retirement. Ms. Owens-Flaig then exited the meeting.

Commissioner Winters distributed some materials regarding Work Zone Safety Awareness. This includes a resolution, a press release, and the National poster. Every year the Highway Department does a campaign to draw attention to Work Zone Safety. Commissioner Winters stated that he is part of a work group that is spending a lot of time and effort to take up the cause. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Olson to approve the resolution and present to the full County Board. Motion carried 4-0.

Ramp traffic signals at Midway Road and STH 441 were discussed. Commissioner Winters distributed a handout and map showing this location. Two sets of temporary signals were installed by the WisDOT to aid traffic flow during the life of the STH 441 reconstruction project. Guy Hegg asked if the signals are necessary and stated he feels that they are a complete nuisance and waste. He stated he feels traffic would be better served if the signals were flashing yellow on Midway Road, and flashing red on the ramps. After discussion Supervisor Egan recommended that a letter be sent to the WisDOT asking them to take another look at the signals. Commissioner Winters will draft a letter to DOT. Mr. Hegg left the meeting.

The 2016 Capital Improvement projects were discussed. Commissioner Winters distributed a snapshot summary of the proposed mill and pave projects for this year. The list is comprised of 10.5 miles of roadway totaling approximately 2.8 million dollars total. Commissioner Winters will present the list to the County Board in March and request funding at the next meeting.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters informed the Committee that the Spring Northeast Region Commissioners and Committee Members meeting will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> in Fond du Lac. He distributed the information so the Committee can sign up if they wish to attend.
- The WisDOT has announced that the STH 116 resurfacing project has been moved up for construction this year. The project limits are from the City of Omro to the Village of Winneconne.
- The current issue of “The Connector” was distributed.
- Commissioner Winters informed the Committee that the City of Oshkosh and Town of Algoma are talking about moving forward with mapping the Oshkosh area West Side Arterial. This will coincide with the WisDOT’s STH 21 Project.
- Commissioner Winters reported that the State’s policy regarding car-killed deer states that they will only be responsible for deer disposed of from State highways. Any removal on County or Town roads will be the responsibility of that entity. Winnebago County had 311 dead deer in 2015. Several other counties in the State had much higher numbers, up to 1,900 dead deer.

Chairman Robl stated the next regular meeting will be held on March 21<sup>st</sup>. A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer  
Highway Secretary