

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: April 3, 2017

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Ken Robl, Highway Committee Chairman
Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member
Chuck Farrey, Highway Committee Member
Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member
David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member
Raymond Palonen, Highway Commissioner

Chairman Robl called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2017 meeting as written. Motion carried 5-0.

Since there was no public present at the meeting Chairman Robl continued onto item #3 on the agenda.

Commissioner Palonen informed the committee that the NE Region Spring Commissioner and Committee Members meeting will be held on May 4th. The meeting will be hosted by Kewaunee County and held at The Rendezvous in Luxemburg. He told the committee members that if anyone is interested in attending he will provide the reservation form to them.

The Committee discussed the Summer Road School scheduled for June 5-7th at the Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Commissioner Palonen stated that he will provide reservation copies to the committee members.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Palonen updated the committee on the daily activities of the Highway Department. He stated the crews are busy with crack filling, cutting trees, cleaning inlets and sweeping medians and curbs in the urban areas.
- Asphalt bids were received recently for the 2017 season. Commissioner Palonen stated the State recently changed the specs, requesting a more pliable, durable material. Prices submitted from NE Asphalt are \$37.95/ton for binder and \$39.90/ton for surface mix. Prices are approximately \$2.00/ton higher than last year, probably due to the higher asphalt content in the mix.
- The WisDOT invitation to participate in the salt bid has been received. Department staff will be contacting the towns so an adequate amount of salt is ordered.
- The department is in the process of the annual bridge washing and maintenance. Each of the lift bridges will be closed during the process.
- Commissioner Palonen will be attending an MS4 meeting this week to discuss adding the Highway Department facility site. Supervisor Farrey explained the MS4 process and permit necessary to comply with storm water runoff per the Wisconsin DNR.

- Commissioner Palonen distributed an informational sheet that was drafted in May, 2015 regarding the need to have Waukau Avenue pulverized and paved. Mr. Palonen stated that he met with representatives from the City of Oshkosh regarding getting this section of roadway included in the Oshkosh MPO where it could gain enough points to qualify for STP Urban funding in the future. The Highway Department intends to work with the City of Oshkosh on these type of projects. Commissioner Palonen also stated that he spoke with representative from the EAA who agreed to participate financially this year to pave Waukau Avenue after their convention this summer.
- There will be an Oshkosh MPO meeting held at this location at 1:30 today. Commissioner Palonen intends to work with the City of Oshkosh to apply for funding to complete the CTH I project that was postponed until the city sewer project is complete.
- Commissioner Palonen stated that he's received several calls regarding grading the parking lot at the ice arena. He stated that the original agreement called for grading work in 2016 only and has since expired.
- Chairman Robl inquired if the department has current traffic counts. Commissioner Palonen stated that he can get them from the State.
- Supervisor Farrey asked for information regarding the PASER (Pavement Surface Evaluation and Rating) on their town roads. Commissioner Palonen informed him the department will be happy to assist the Town on this matter.

Being no further business a motion was made by Supervisor Farrey to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Egan and carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Administrative Associate