

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: April 18, 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
David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member
Ernie Winters, Highway Commissioner

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive

Chairman Robl called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2016 meeting as written. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was any public input on today's agenda. There was none.

Commissioner Winters distributed a handout outlining the CTH G Bridge Project. The reconstruction project west of I-41 will be bid shortly by the WisDOT and expected to total approximately \$640,000. The project will be funded 80/20 with federal funds covering about \$410,000 and Winnebago County responsible for \$230,000. After some debate it was decided that the bridge project will include sidewalks. Some right of way acquisition was necessary to move the power lines and the City of Neenah will be relocating their water utilities. Commissioner Winters will update the Committee as the project progresses.

The 2016 State PBM (Performance Based Maintenance) Projects were discussed. Commissioner Winters informed the Committee that the WisDOT has three PBM jobs totaling over \$200,000 besides the routine work normally performed for the State. Mr. Winters stated he is hopeful the department can get the additional work completed with the other state, county and town work that is scheduled. Mr. Winters stated he is contemplating if the department should consider hiring additional staff to accommodate the extra work or if there will be less work under different administration. Several of the Committee members suggested hiring part time summer staff to assist the department if needed. Supervisor Albrecht recommended using the present staff and doing what they can. Supervisor Egan stated he agrees with using summer staff but that this should be taken seriously and the department should be ready to expand if necessary.

Commissioner Winters distributed information on the upcoming WisDOT Bridge Projects. The handout he provided was in regards to the Racine Street Bridge in Menasha but said there is a similar project coming on the Jackson Street Bridge in Oshkosh. Mr. Winters stated that there will be a public informational meeting held next week on the Jackson Street Bridge project if any of the members wish to attend.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters stated there will be another Local Officials Meeting regarding the STH 116 project through Winneconne in the near future.
- Mr. Winters informed the Committee that he received a letter back from the WisDOT regarding the signal timing on Midway Road that was discussed at a previous meeting. The letter stated that they looked at the issue and adjusted the timing slightly but as the project progresses it may need to be changed again.
- Supervisor Egan inquired about the status of the Butler Avenue project. He stated that Mike Elder, Facilities Director, told him that the road repair was the Highway Department's jurisdiction. Mr. Winters stated that he will address.

A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Olson to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary