

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: September 19, 2016

TIME: 9:00 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
Ernie Winters, Highway Commissioner

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to County Executive

Chairman Robl called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Farrey to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2016 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Commissioner Winters reminded the committee about the Turnout for Transportation meeting that will be held next Thursday. The idea was developed by the Wisconsin Counties Association and League of Wisconsin Municipalities to have a statewide discussion by local officials in all 72 counties regarding the State Transportation Budget shortfall. A letter showing the WisDOT's support and a summary of the budget was distributed to the committee members for discussion. Commissioner Winters stated that all local officials should be getting an invitation to the meeting. The event will be held in the Highway Department mezzanine meeting room on September 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Winters distributed a summary explaining the new law taking effect on October 1, 2016 that makes it illegal to talk on a handheld mobile device while driving in a Wisconsin road work zone. Motorists will face fines up to \$40 for a first violation with higher penalties for subsequent offenses. The law was created to keep people safe in work zones. Law enforcement will need to be proactive to enforce the law.

The WisDOT will be hosting a local officials meeting on September 28th at 1:00 p.m. at the Oshkosh City Hall. The meeting is being held to discuss the design alternatives for the Oregon/Jackson Street Bridge, including possibly building the bridge as a fixed span vs. a lift bridge.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters reported that he received a notification from East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission that they can provide technical assistance on certain types of transportation projects including Safe Route to School, GIS, Parks, etc.

- Commissioner Winters distributed a copy of a letter written by Town of Vinland officials to the WisDOT asking for more consideration at the intersection of Kellett Road when they do the STH 76 project.
- The WisDOT will be hosting a Local Officials Meeting regarding the STH 441 project on September 30th at the construction office located on Aerotech Drive in Appleton.
- Commissioner Winters stated that he and the consultant will be attending the County Board meeting tomorrow night to present the CTH CB and Oakridge Road intersection control study results and recommendation.

Chairman Robl stated that the next regular Highway Committee meeting will be held on October 3, 2016. Commissioner Winters stated that representatives from the WisDOT will be attending that meeting for their annual visit.

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

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary