

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: October 1, 2018

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Ken Robl, Highway Committee Chairman
David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member
Chuck Farrey, Highway Committee Member
Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member
Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member
Raymond Palonen, 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 Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2018 meeting as written. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Commissioner Palonen informed the Committee that Governor Walker is proposing an increase of approximately 30% in General Transportation Aid to counties. The State did not provide information as to where the additional funding would come from to provide the increase. Commissioner Palonen stated this would be a great asset to the county if passed. Winnebago County currently receives approximately 2 million dollars in annual GTA.

A discussion was held regarding some excess right of way property on Bison Road in the Town of Winchester. Commissioner Palonen has been contacted by an attorney for a party who is interested in purchasing the 11.77 acre parcel, zoned as agricultural. Mr. Palonen stated that he checked with the WisDOT whether there was an agreement made between them and the County about keeping the parcel for a specified amount of time after receiving it from the State. There was no record found of any agreement of that type. Commissioner Palonen stated he would recommend having a title search done, and request that the interested party pay the \$250 fee and apply it towards the parcel purchase price. Supervisor Warnke suggested an appraisal be performed to get an accurate value of the property. Supervisor Farrey stated he thinks the interested party should be allowed to make an offer and Commissioner Palonen present it at the next Highway Committee meeting for consideration before an appraisal is done.

Commissioner Palonen updated the Committee on the 2018 Capital Equipment purchases. He provided a list showing which pieces of equipment were purchased, showing the dollar amount budgeted and actual cost of each. He stated that due to several of the items coming in under budget, it allowed for the purchase of three additional items and still a surplus of approximately \$221,000 remains in the equipment budget. Commissioner Palonen stated that the Supervisors suggested using the remaining money to purchase an additional mill head for the skid steer, at a cost of approximately \$20,000. The remaining funds would be sufficient to complete the epoxy floor coating of the repair shop. Commissioner Palonen stated that he will bring a budget transfer to a future meeting to move the funding for the additional purchases.

Commissioner Palonen reported the following as general operations:

- The base coat of asphalt on CTH R should be completed in a few days. The department will then perform some small town jobs and return to CTH R to add the surface layer.
- The new salt shed along Racine Street @ US 10/STH 441 is moving along. The site should be shaped and paved by the end of the month. The foundation is done and the building should be going up this week.
- The roundabout on CTH CB has been completed, with the exception of some minor landscaping. CTH CB from Shady Lane to CTH BB was reopened to traffic today.

Supervisor Egan stated that they were informed at a recent convention that dollar amounts for future State and Federal transportation projects will be capped. Commissioner Palonen stated that some counties will be doing some of the preliminary design work ahead of time to get a close price estimate before applying for funding.

A motion was made by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Egan to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Administrative Associate