

1 **354-032024**

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3 **RESOLUTION: Approve a Budget Transfer from the Unassigned General Fund in the Amount of**  
4 **\$266,400 for the Highway Department**

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6 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

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8 **WHEREAS**, Winnebago County takes pride in ensuring a safe county highway system; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, from time to time, Winnebago County's roadways are damaged due to weather, accidents,  
11 heavy and farm equipment use, and other factors; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, in 2023, the county highways system saw higher than average agricultural use damage  
14 which resulted in shoulder damage and erosion; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, to ensure roadway safety by the traveling public, the county highway department repaired  
17 the damage caused on several county highways; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, the additional, unexpected repairs caused the county highway road maintenance budget to  
20 be overbudget by \$266,400 and it is necessary for this body to transfer funds from the unassigned  
21 general fund.

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23 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it  
24 approves a Budget Transfer from the Unassigned General Fund in the Amount of \$266,400 for the  
25 Highway Department.

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Respectfully submitted by:  
PERSONNEL & FINANCE COMMITTEE  
Committee Vote: 5-0

*Fiscal Note: \$266,400 will be transferred from the unassigned general fund balance to cover repair and maintenance expense in the Highway Department.*

Vote Required for Passage: **Two-Thirds of Membership**

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31 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive on \_\_\_\_\_.

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35 Jonathan D. Doemel  
36 Winnebago County Executive

# County Board Report



DATE: March 19, 2024

FROM:

AGENDA ITEM: 354-032024 Approve a Budget Transfer from the Unassigned General Fund in the Amount of \$266,400 for the Highway Department

## **General Description:**

Cleaning up the 2023 Highway Budget for some unexpeted maintenance costs.

## **Action Requested:**

Approve budget transfer in the amount of \$266,400 from the Unassigned General Fund

## **Procedural Steps:**

Committee of Jurisdiction:	P&F	Meeting Date:	03/07/2024
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Action taken:	Vote:	5-0
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County Board:	_____	Meeting Date:	_____
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## **Background:**

Highway Road Maintenance Department went over budget for road maintenance. Per the Director of Highway, the overage is due to should repairs on narrow county roads with gravel shoulders. Continuous use by large farm equipment is causing erosion of the shoulder due to the equipment extending beyond the road and onto the shoulder. This erosion causes large drop offs where the shoulder is creating a driving hazard.

## **Policy Discussion:**

## **Committee Discussion and Recommendation:**

Highway Finance Manager Jill Prah1 appeared before the committee. Chair Cox reported that the project has been completed, and this agenda item is to make the accounting right.

Motion by David Albrecht, seconded by Steve Binder to approve the resolution titled Approve a Budget Transfer from the Unassigned General Fund in the Amount of \$266,400 for the Highway Department. Passed. Yes 5, No 0, Abstained 0

**Attachments:**

1. Highway Maintenance - Budget Transfer

## BUDGET TRANSFER

Department Requesting: _____	Date _____	Personnel & Finance Committee Vote: _____	Date _____
Finance Dept Reviewer: <i>Carol Van Mensven</i>	<i>2/27/24</i>	County Board Vote: _____	
Budget Transfer impact: \$266,400 from unassigned general fund balance _____			

### ACCOUNT NUMBER

Org	Object	Object Description	Project	Budget Explanation	I=Incr D=Decr	Amount*
1040	75806	Repair Maint Streets		UNASSIGNED GEN FUND USE	I=Incr	266,400

\*full dollars only  
(no pennies)

### Description (Must be completed - Attach extra pages if needed):

Shoulder repairs were mainly completed in March, May, and December of 2023. The damage is caused by the continual use of the County Roads by large farm equipment. This equipment is extremely large and these particular roads are narrow and have narrow gravel shoulders. After continual heavy hauling on the roads/gravel shoulders it leaves a large drop off from the asphalt pavement to the gravel shoulder creating a driving hazard. The hazard is when the vehicle hits the asphalt drop off and the driver tends to over correct and then losing control. Typically we find these drop off areas on curves, crest of hills or on narrow roadways in general. These large farms are running hundreds of loads a day, not just 5-7 loads per day like smaller farms.

### ENTRY NUMBER