

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: March 16, 2015

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Ken Robl, Highway Committee Chairman  
Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member  
David Albrecht, Highway Committee Member  
Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member  
Kenn Olson, Highway Committee Member  
Ernie Winters, Highway Commissioner

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive  
William Anthes, Winnebago County Sheriff's Dept.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 A.M. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Olson to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2015 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 distributed copies of a letter written to local legislators and a draft resolution regarding the Governor's FY 2016-17 Budget. The letter shows the fact that the Highway Committee and Commissioner Winters have an interest and would like some input regarding the transportation funding. The letter states that they would like to see alternative sources of revenue rather than the bonding that is being proposed. After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Egan to approve the letter and draft resolution as written. Motion seconded by Supervisor Warnke and carried 5-0. The letter will be mailed to the local legislators and the resolution will go before the full County Board for approval at a future meeting.

March 23-27, 2015 has been proclaimed Work Zone Awareness Week both nationally and by the State of Wisconsin. The national theme this year is "Expect the Unexpected." Due to the fact that the Winnebago County Highway Commission has a personal interest in keeping their employees and motorists safe, Mr. Winters is proposing a resolution to the County Board in support of these efforts. Mr. Winters sent a press release to the other counties and local media. He has been interviewed by several news sources and states it's important to do anything that may help draw attention to work zone safety. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve a resolution proclaiming March 23-27, 2015 as Work Zone Awareness Week in Winnebago County. Motion carried 5-0.

A proposed project at the intersection of CTH CB and Oakridge Road was discussed. Commissioner Winters stated that he is requesting a budget transfer to provide Capital Improvement funding for design of the intersection. The design firm chosen will analyze information including traffic counts and vision and safety issues to yield a recommendation for the intersection. It is possible a roundabout and hill reduction may be recommended. Commissioner Winters stated that since this is a

State let project Winnebago County will be responsible for 20% of the cost. He stated there may be safety funding available. After discussion it was determined that the Town of Neenah should be asked to participate in the funding since Oakridge Road is under their jurisdiction. A motion was made by Supervisor Egan to ask the Town of Neenah to participate, but since this project is on the Capital Improvement Plan to approve a budget transfer of \$100,000 for the design of the CTH CB and Oakridge Road intersection. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Warnke and carried 5-0. Chairman Robl signed the budget transfer.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Winters showed the Committee members the letter of appreciation he had framed for Supervisor Hamblin following his retirement. This will be presented to Mr. Hamblin at the County Board meeting tomorrow evening.
- WisDOT will be hosting a Local Officials meeting regarding the STH 21 Corridor Project. The meeting will be held on March 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Fox Valley Technical College in Oshkosh. The DOT will also be hosting a WIS 441 business meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Supervisor Egan asked how many IoH permits Commissioner Winters has issued since the program's inception. Mr. Winters stated that he has issued one permit to the Town of Wolf River so far but is working on others at this time.

Chairman Robl stated the next regular meeting will be held on April 6, 2015.

A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Olson to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer  
Highway Secretary