

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: September 16, 2013

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Ken Robl, Highway Committee Chairman
Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member
Tim Hamblin, Highway Committee Member
Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member
Dave Albrecht, Highway Committee Member
Ernie Winters, Highway Commissioner

ALSO

PRESENT: Mike Collard, H.R. Director
John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 A.M. A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2013 meeting as written. Motion carried 5-0.

Chairman Robl asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address any agenda items at this time. Supervisor Albrecht introduced Mike Collard as the new Human Resources Director for any of the committee members who had not previously met him.

Commissioner Winters distributed copies of the table of contents from the revised Employee Handbook. Mr. Collard stated the County Board Supervisors will have the entire draft version of the handbook in their packet for tomorrow night's meeting. Mr. Winters stated that a lot of time and effort was put into writing this document but he had a few items he wished to bring to the committee's attention that would impact the Highway Department. Discussion followed. After discussion Supervisor Albrecht stated that he and the rest of the Personnel & Finance Committee were not in favor of the document as presented. Mr. Albrecht urged the committee members not to support the handbook at tomorrow's county board meeting and stated it should be revised to make more uniform.

Commissioner Winters distributed a draft copy of a letter he wrote to Governor Walker regarding the importance of the State using revenue from gas tax and license fees for transportation issues only. The letter also asks the State to be mindful of the fact that they need to continue funding the maintenance of roadways after they're built. The letter will be sent to the Governor with copies to the local legislators. Supervisor Egan suggested that the letter be sent jointly with Brown County. Supervisor Warnke stated that the letter should include wording stating Winnebago County's concerns with the State's limited mowing policy and how it negatively affects safety and aesthetics. Commissioner Winters stated he will edit the letter as appropriate.

Commissioner Winters also distributed a letter he drafted to Congressman Petri based on the Committee's request regarding the safety performance of STH 26. The letter asks for his support on the installation of message boards to notify the public of accidents/detours. Commissioner Winters stated he got a response from the WisDOT thanking Winnebago County for their interest and comments on STH 26. Commissioner Winters will edit the letter as appropriate and after signing, have it sent.

General Operations:

- The State is moving forward with the US 41 interstate conversion project. Commissioner Winters distributed copies of the US 41 Interstate Conversion Public Hearing Handout and Environmental Report.
- The WisDOT will be hosting a public hearing on the reconstruction of the Winneconne Bridge on October 9th at the elementary school in Winneconne.

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- Commissioner Winters informed the Committee that he'll be hosting the LRIP (Local Roads Improvement Program) kick-off meeting at the Highway Office soon. Meeting invitations were sent to the Towns, Cities and Villages.
- The CTH M project is moving along. The road will be paved after the large dairy finishes hauling their silage.
- Supervisor Egan stated that the towns in his area think highly of Commissioner Winters and how he has been working with them. Mr. Egan complimented Commissioner Winters on his performance.

A motion was made by Supervisor Albrecht, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
Highway Secretary