

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: March 3, 2014

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

EXCUSED: Dave Albrecht, Highway Committee Member

ALSO

PRESENT: John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive
Guy Hegg, Supervisor joined at 9:15

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robl at 9:00 A.M. A motion was made by Supervisor Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Egan to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2014 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

No public being present, Chairman Robl continued with the original agenda.

Commissioner Winters handed out informational materials on the Performance Based Maintenance program that has been initiated by the WisDOT. Nine million dollars has been made available to be spent this year on PBM. The contract documents should be going out to the respective Counties shortly with the pilot program scheduled to start this summer. The WisDOT has identified projects throughout the State that Counties will be reimbursed on a unit cost basis for the work done. Winnebago County has five projects on the list allocating approximately \$213,000 for the PBM work to be done by the Highway Department.

The Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, STIP, was distributed by Commissioner Winters. This lists all State and State Funded local work for Winnebago County. Discussion followed on some of the listed projects: As part of the STH 116 Bridge replacement project in the City of Omro over the Wolf River the WisDOT is considering a roundabout and bike lanes. The project is still in the planning phase with construction planned for 2018. The replacement of the CTH Y and CTH GG overpasses, part of the USH 41 Corridor Improvement plan, has begun. USH 41 will be closed overnight with traffic routed through the City of Oshkosh while the structures are removed. CTH Y and CTH GG will be closed through mid August. Commissioner Winters hosted the Local Officials informational meeting on the STH 76 improvement plan from USH 41 to CTH JJ. The WisDOT is considering roundabouts at CTH JJ, CTH G and CTH GG and will be soliciting input from the public as well.

Commissioner Winters distributed information on the TIGER Grant program. The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Grant program makes money available for improvements with specific safety, economic growth, and environmental considerations. Commissioner Winters forward the grant documents to the Cities of Oshkosh, Neenah, and Menasha.

General Operations:

- The USH 41 overpass replacements at CTH Y and CTH GG will include shared use paths on both structures. The County will need to take into consideration possibly connecting to the paths on any future roadway upgrades.
- Emily Dieringer, Winnebago County Public Health Department, submitted a pre application to do a Bike and Pedestrian Study in Winnebago County. The pre application was approved for the application process and she contacted Commissioner Winters for his assistance. Commissioner Winters drafted the resolution to go to the County Board. Emily will be invited to a Committee Meeting to address the Highway Committee

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- Commissioner Winters stated that the WisDOT sent a letter of guidance advising the department to start conserving salt. They instructed the department to reduce the amount applied from 200 to 100 lbs. per lane mile on less traveled state highways like STH 21, 26 and 44 with the exception of bad areas or in emergency situations. Class A highways like USH 41 will continue to receive the same treatment as before. Mr. Winters stated at this time Winnebago County has an adequate amount of salt on hand at this time.
- WisDOT will be hosting the public information meeting Thursday March 6th at the Highway Department regarding the STH 76 project.

A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Loanne Owens-Flaig
Office Manager/Accountant