

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: May 6, 2013

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

ALSO

PRESENT: 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 Warnke, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to approve the minutes of the April 15, 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. There was no public input.

Commissioner Winters distributed a copy of a WisDOT budget letter. The letter is regarding the legislative fiscal bureau's 63 million dollar shortfall in the Transportation Budget. The Governor's proposed budget addresses the shortfall by reducing the amount of General Transportation Aids paid to each county by approximately 1%. The reduction would mean \$18,000-\$19,000 less funding for Winnebago County. Commissioner Winters stated that this drop in GTA is concerning and that he does not like the direction things are going. He stated he fears that eventually the County will have to change the way they do business, and work as the State dictates. He is also concerned that the letterhead included both the Wisconsin County Highway Association with the Road Builders Association since they have different agendas. The committee members suggested Commissioner Winters voice his concerns at the upcoming Summer Highway Conference.

A new salt storage shed project on STH 26 was discussed. Commissioner Winters stated the WisDOT is planning to build the shed on the northwest corner of STH 26 and CTH N in Winnebago County. The agreement with the State has been redrafted indicating the State will pay to construct the shed and upon completion the County will become the owner of the building. Having a shed with a loader parked at this location during the winter months will make winter maintenance more efficient for the County.

The STP (Surface Transportation Program ) submittal process was discussed. Commissioner Winters advised the Committee on the options and programs. He stated he will be submitting projects in the next month or two for consideration. Supervisor Albrecht asked if the department has any projects on the shelf. Mr. Winters stated currently he has several projects pending including CTH I; CTH FF & Zoar Road; CTH A; CTH G bridge; and a triple culvert project on CTH N. Mr. Winters informed the committee that the CTH K Eureka Bridge project is scheduled to begin on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

General Operations:

- ❖ Commissioner Winters distributed information to the committee members on overweight vehicle damage on roads.
- ❖ The WisDOT will be hosting a stakeholders meeting on the STH 21 project to be held on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Fox Valley Technical College in Oshkosh.

- ❖ WisDOT has a meeting scheduled on the US 10 project to be held on May 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at Maplewood Middle School in Menasha.
- ❖ WisDOT is seeking public input on design for the WIS 116 Bridge in Winneconne. An exhibit showing the revised bridge design is located at the Winneconne Village Hall.
- ❖ Commissioner Winters informed the committee that one of the department's employees resigned last week. There will be a job posting to fill the vacant Janitor/Watchman position. Supervisor Hamblin questioned how the department is handling having the Bridgetenders fill in for winter duties. Mr. Winters stated he is still intending to fill the Bridgetender positions with staff who have CDL's and can fill the winter pool as needed. He stated the County's work rules still remain unfinished.

Due to the County Board tour scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>, the next regular Highway Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013.

A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Hamblin to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer  
Highway Secretary