

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

DATE: March 12, 2019

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT: David Albrecht, Highway Committee Chairman
Tom Egan, Highway Committee Member
Chuck Farrey, Highway Committee Member
Robert Warnke, Highway Committee Member
Raymond Palonen, Highway Commissioner
John Fink, Assistant to the County Executive

EXCUSED: Ken Robl, Highway Committee Member

Chairman Albrecht called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Farrey to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2019 meeting as written. Motion carried 4-0.

Chairman Albrecht asked if there was any public input on the agenda. There was none.

Commissioner Palonen distributed copies of a budget transfer authorizing the 2019 Capital Improvement Projects. He outlined each project and requested that the committee members ask questions as needed. The list of projects was presented as follows:

- CTH A (Indian Pt. Rd. to CTH GG) – property acquisition will take place this year.
- CTH CB & Oakridge Rd. Roundabout – the bid letting is scheduled for today.
- CTH CB (Shady Lane – CTH BB) – widen the road to four lanes.
- CTH CB Bridge – widening the bridge to accommodate the four lanes.
- CTH K (Clairville Rd. – STH 116) – pulverize and pave.
- CTH FF (STH 44 – STH 91) – pulverize, shape and pave.
- Butler Ave. and Parks Dept. carpenter shop parking lot – mill and overlay.

After discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Egan to recommend the Finance Committee and County Board authorize a \$7,300,000 budget transfer for the 2019 Capital Improvement Projects as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Palonen distributed a resolution regarding the 2019 Capital Improvement Program. After discussion, a motion was made by Supervisor Farrey to recommend that the Finance Committee and County Board approve a resolution to appropriate \$6,900,000 for the Highway Department 2019 Capital Improvement Program and \$400,000 for the Butler Avenue and Parks parking lot improvements. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Egan and carried 4-0.

Funding the new salt shed at STH 441 and Racine Road was discussed. The WisDOT contracted with Winnebago County to build a salt storage facility. Commissioner Palonen distributed a copy of a budget transfer accounting for the revenue coming in for that project. A motion was made by Supervisor Farrey, seconded by Supervisor Warnke to recommend that the Finance Committee and County Board authorize a \$1,100,000 budget transfer to increase revenue and expenditures in account 54438 – Highway Services and Other Repairs and Maintenance to account for the revenue received for that project. Motion carried 4-0.

General Operations:

- Commissioner Palonen updated the Committee on the road salt supply issue. He stated that the company who was awarded the State bid this year has a shortage of salt. Mr. Palonen stated that he spoke with Waupaca County who uses a lot of sand on their roads, and they have a sand source in Waupaca County that has had great success. In some preliminary figures Commissioner Palonen stated using a 25% salt - 75% sand mix could save nearly \$300,000 based on current figures. After discussion it was noted that next year the Highway Department will try a few routes using the salt/sand mixture on county roads, or lower volume state roads to see how it performs. Supervisor Egan stated he thinks it's a good idea, but thinks there should be a closer source of the sand than Waupaca County. Commissioner Palonen stated that he'll look around for sources.
- Commissioner Palonen distributed an outline of the 2019 County Trunk Highway funds through February. Approximately 10.71% of the non-winter fund has been depleted. The winter budget has expended approximately 83.88% to date. Depending on the weather the rest of this spring, and November and December of this year, Commissioner Palonen may need to request a budget transfer to cover the shortage in the winter budget.
- Commissioner Palonen updated the Committee on the cost to heat the Highway facility. Last year while still using landfill gas to supplement the natural gas, heat cost was \$14,600 for the year. Since landfill gas is no longer available, using strictly natural gas has cost \$15,600 YTD.

The next meeting of the Highway Committee will be held on April 8, 2019.

A motion was made by Supervisor Egan, seconded by Supervisor Farrey to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Laura Spanbauer
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