

# COUNTY OF DUNN



## **Public Works Department**

*Facilities & Parks – Highway*

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**TO:** County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** John J. Sworski, Public Works Director

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**SUBJECT:** 2018 Highway Financial Report

Please find below the 2018 financial and succeeding year budget information for the Highway Division of the Public Works Department.

Based on a financial review of the major budgeted line items for the highway operation it is projected that the total highway expenses for 2018 will be within budget at years' end. These major budgeted line items include; Highway Administration, Field Administration, County Bridge Construction, County Maintenance, County Highway Construction, County Winter Maintenance, and Capital Expenditures for Machinery and Facilities. Additional details are listed below on these budget items.

1. Highway Administration and Field Administration expenses are mainly from labor costs which are slightly below the budgeted amount. This is a result of temporary vacancies throughout the Highway Division.
2. County Bridge Construction, which was budgeted at \$295,000, will come in under budget based on delays in federal funds for County bridge replacement projects. The allocated funds were used for polymer deck overlays to extend the useful life of 6 existing structures. Dunn County has 3 bridges in the current 2018-2022 WisDOT Local Bridge Improvement Program. Anticipated construction is 2021 for one structure and 2022 for the remaining two. Local share will be \$171,250 for 2021 and \$181,314 for 2022.
3. County Maintenance is projected to come in within the budgeted \$2,200,000, which was aided by steady oil and HMA pavement prices in again 2018.
4. County Construction, as budgeted in the 5-year highway capital improvement plan in the amount of \$3,300,000, will be very close to the anticipated 2018 budget. This includes construction of the CTH P, CTH F and the remainder of CTH E. Funds to reconstruct CTH Q and CTH X were reallocated to mill and resurface CTH B and overlay various other segments throughout the county. 2018 resulted in the reconstruction of 7.15 miles bringing the reconstruction cycle to 59.48 years.

5. The County Winter Maintenance expense for 2018 is currently within the budgeted 5-year average of \$1,240,957. As of April 30, 2018 the total cost for County Winter Maintenance was \$1,085,356. Based on the current county winter maintenance expense and predicted long term weather patterns, we anticipate completing 2018 above the current 5-year average.
6. Capital expenditures for highway machinery exceeded \$1,000,000 in 2018. Capital facilities improvements is projected below the budgeted amount of \$200,000.

The Highway Division of the Public Works Department submitted a proposed 2019 budget in October with expenses exceeding \$12,235,000 based on the projected workload, capital improvement plans (5-year highway and 5-year highway facility), 5-year average for winter maintenance expense, and the needs of the county trunk highway system. With this proposed budget submission, it included \$1,500,000 of the fund balance applied for the machinery and facility capital improvements. The Highway Division Fund Balance has now been reduced to the minimum allowable amount. As well as a reduction in 2019 GTA at a projected amount of \$1,483,387.00, an approximately \$100,000.00 decrease over the previous year.

The Public Works Department Highway Division looks forward to continuing to provide our services for the public and improving the County's transportation infrastructure as efficiently as possible.