

## Request for Contingency Funding of 2013 County Highway Winter Maintenance Account Activities

**Whereas** the winter season of 2012/2013 provided an excess of snow events leading to a rapid depletion of Highway Budget; and

**Whereas** 86% of the Iowa County Highway Winter Maintenance budget has been depleted and 50% of the annual winter snowfall season remains in the fiscal finance year; and

**Whereas** a typical October, November, December snowfall period consumes approximately 1/3 of the entire year's Winter Maintenance budget; and

**Whereas** approximately \$135,000 remains in the Winter Maintenance budget for FY 2013 and that typical period uses about \$330,000; and

**Whereas** in previous years the County Highway Department was told to use other resources such as cut backs in summer maintenance, summer construction, or equipment; and

**Whereas** the Iowa County Board adopted categorical budgeting for FY 2013; which limits the ability to move funds as previously allowed,

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Iowa County Transportation Committee hereby requests the County Board designate an amount of \$250,000 in leftover 2012 funds be set aside as Winter Maintenance emergency contingency funds; the amount be placed in the County Contingency Fund; and the amount designated for that purpose requiring only a simple majority of the County Board to release funds in an amount equal to any shortfall should the months of October, November, and December of 2013 turn out to be similar to the first part and deplete the budget; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Iowa County Transportation Committee hereby advises the County Board that critical maintenance on County roads cannot be deferred any longer and to eliminate summer maintenance and/or construction work to make up for any potential deficit further impedes the minimal care, maintenance of, and investment in public infrastructure and would have a negative impact on commerce. Therefore, unless otherwise directed by the County Board, the summer maintenance schedule as proposed and adopted in the 2013 County Budget will be followed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Iowa County Transportation Committee action on May 6, 2013  
Administrative Services Committee action on May 14, 2013, as amended