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TO: Finance Committee

FROM: Clement Abongwa, Director of Highways – Kenosha County Public Works

SUBJECT: Repurpose of Excess Cold Planer Funds For Various Equipment

The 2024 Highway Division CIP budget included \$100,000 for the purchase of a new cold planer attachment. After recent discussions with the current Highway Supervisors, it appears there was a mis-understanding between the previous Shop Superintendent and the equipment budget intent.

Per recent conversations the cold planer attachment was one of many attachments that was intended to be requested but throughout the process was not explained to administration. These budget discrepancies have not occurred under the previous Shop Superintendent, and the Shop Superintendent holding this position during the 2024 budget has since been vacated, currently posted accepting applications.

The Highway Division is recommending the re-appropriation of \$47,000 from the cold planer attachment budget for the approval and new purchase of: one spray bar attachment (\$25,000), one snow blower attachment (\$12,000) and one stump grinder attachment (\$10,000). The cold planer will not cost more than \$35,000. The spray bar attachment will serve purposes of bridge deck sealing and pesticide application during the summer and ice control spray application during the winter, being used on State roads occasionally – receiving reimbursement. With the increased multi-trails being added throughout the County, a bigger, more efficient, snow blower attachment will be necessary to remove snow in one pass rather than several and aid the Parks division. The remaining stump grinder is shared between the Parks and Highways divisions and will improve operations for both, allowing the division to be more efficient and reach more depths.

Per County Board approved budget resolution language, the Division is required to notify the Finance Committee of any repurposing of capital which is expended from the same account. The remaining cold planer budgeted funds will be addressed later in the year to not bond for or repurpose during the 2024 close out resolution.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Clement Abongwa
Director of Highways