



**ITASCA COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
Itasca County Courthouse
123 NE 4th Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744

October 18, 2016
Work Session

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION (ID # 4485)

DEPARTMENT: Transportation

PRESENTER: Karin Grandia

TIME REQUIRED: 5 minutes

AGENDA ITEM:

Designation of the Unorganized Township Road System

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Re-designate certain County Roads as unorganized Township roads as listed in the attached resolution.

BACKGROUND:

Itasca County has never officially designated a system of unorganized town roads in the unorganized areas of the County. The established practice has been to certify to the State of Minnesota ½ of the miles in those townships as unorganized township road miles with the remainder of the mileage being designated as County Road mileage. Funding to provide maintenance and capital improvements on unorganized township roadways is derived from property tax levy and Town Road Aid distributed by the Minnesota Department of Transportation from gas tax, motor vehicle tax and motor vehicle sales tax revenues. Town Road Aid is distributed on a mileage basis. By formally designating a network of roadways in unorganized townships we are able to receive additional Town Road Aid. We are also able to use the property tax levy and Town Road Aid on a larger system of roadways that can provide benefits to a greater portion of our citizens.

A spread sheet and map have been attached indicating the county roads that are proposed to be re-designated as unorganized township roads.

ITEM HISTORY:

COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

Zone_1 (PDF)

Zone_2 (PDF)

Zone_3 (PDF)

Creation of UT System (PDF)

RESULT: WITHDRAWN

RE: DESIGNATION OF THE UNORGANIZED TOWNSHIP ROAD SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Itasca County has not formally adopted a network of unorganized township roads; and

WHEREAS, it has been the practice of Itasca County to certify to the State of Minnesota $\frac{1}{2}$ of the miles of County Roads in unorganized townships as unorganized township roads; and

WHEREAS, funds to maintain an unorganized township road system are available through tax levy in unorganized townships and Town Road Aid distributed by the Minnesota Department of Transportation from gas tax, motor vehicle tax and motor vehicle sales tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the re-designation of certain county roads in the unorganized townships of Itasca County as unorganized township roads may allow for the collection of additional Town Road Aid that can be used to construct and maintain these roads at no additional cost to the citizens of Itasca County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the roads listed in the attached spreadsheet be re-designated as unorganized township roads.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, upon recommendation of the County Engineer and approval by the Itasca County Board of Commissioners, other roads in unorganized townships may be added to the system as conditional and needs change.