

Approved 10/4/11

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011
MERCER TOWN HALL**

Members Present: Jim Kichak, Tom Innes, Jim Lambert and Mitch Koski

Absent Members: Larry Youngs

Also Present: John Nelson-Commissioner, Tana Osterman (Sign-in sheet attached)

Kichak called meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

Roll call was taken Youngs was absent.

The meeting was properly posted in the Iron County Miner, Ironwood Daily Globe and announced on WJMS and WUPM.

Motioned by Innes, supported by Lambert to approve the minutes from the meeting on August 16, 2011. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Radio Tower – Coleman Engineering just received correspondence from the Tribe. They will forward the environmental assessment and tribal information to Highway.

Bonnie Banaszak-Town of Mercer requesting county assistance for funding Trude Lake Bridge. Banaszak submitted an Analysis Study from Ayres Associates for a structure replacement over Trude Lake. Xcel Energy paid \$70,000 for this study. Banaszak stated that Chris Niehaus-DNR would contribute \$125,000 towards the project. However, this amount is not in writing. The area is currently an 8-foot diameter corrugated metal culvert, but requesting for a bridge to be installed. Federal funding is for bridges that already exist. Funding may not be available since this area is currently a culvert. Commissioner, Kichak and Banaszak will meet to develop a plan and review grant options.

Survey CTH FF – Commissioner requesting permission to bid surveying for CTH FF. Committee authorizes the request.

Shari Younger submitted an outline and David Sino a letter requesting paving for CTH FF. (See attached). Residents – James Hanneman, Wayne Riebe (Gateway Lodge) and Gene Hickey all have safety concerns on CTH FF. Suggestions to lower the weight limit and speed limit were addressed. Changing the weight limit would not be an option, due to garbage and delivery services. A grant was previously submitted that was denied for a 5 mile segment. Committee agrees that more logging trucks are using this road and safety is an issue. Pavement marking was completed this month. Kichak explained 1.7 million dollars has been spent reconstructing a portion of CTH FF in the past 6 years, and without a grant available it makes the process more difficult. The department will be diligent in finding a grant to help with these safety concerns.

County Highway Improvement Program (CHIP) – Committee authorizes the Commissioner to apply for this grant for CTH FF. Funding available for this program is \$69,229.25, which would be a 50/50 match.

2011 Budget: Estimated year end \$12,741.

Commissioner's Report:

- Pitlik & Wick has completed the thermoplastic for the snowmobile crossings. Langlade County has completed the pavement marking. Crew currently shouldering on US2 and will move to Hwy 51 and CTH G.

Public Comment: None

Motioned by Lambert, supported by Innes to approve payment of bills for September \$32,762.04.
Motion carried.

Next monthly meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 18th at 4:00 P.M.

Motioned by Lambert, supported by Koski to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.
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