

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2012
HURLEY HIGHWAY OFFICE**

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

Absent Members: None

Also Present: John Nelson-Commissioner, Tana Osterman and Dennis DeRosso, Chairman

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

Roll call was taken no members were absent.

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

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

Old Business:

- Radio Tower and Building have been let for bid. Bids due February 7, 2012.
- Paschke Blasting CTH C – Blasting has been completed, rock approximately 12-15feet off shoulder. County crew has cleaned up and hauled out 75% of rock. Project came in under budget.

2012 Construction Projects:

- CTH C Blacktop – Committee authorizes Commissioner to bid project from Island Lake Road to Hwy 51. This section will complete the blacktopping on CTH C.
- CTH H Seal Coat – Committee authorizes Commissioner to bid project from CTH J to Pine Forest, approximately 2miles.

Summer Hires – Commissioner will be hiring 2 individuals for summer help. Lambert would like to see one person from the south and one from the north be hired.

Commissioner's Report:

- Having electrical issues with #45 Peterbilt truck.
- New Peterbilt is scheduled for delivery next week.
- GPS truck units are currently running 1/2hr behind actual schedule. Useful for viewing what other counties are doing on their road segments.
- Winter Highway Conference – Topics of discussion was the potential for cuts to the General Transportation Aids and STP programs.
- Federal Government has issued a no cell phone policy for CDL drivers. DeRosso will establish a policy and submit it to the Finance Committee.
- Department has an employee on workman's comp for an injury to his hand. The insurance company is requesting the department to have him come back to work for light duty work. DeRosso, Innes and Lambert feel that light work duty is not available. Commissioners offered to have another employee from Mercer drive this individual to

the Hurley shop for light duty work and both employees would work in Hurley for the day. This would be only if it is not snowing and providing there is light duty work available. The injured employee will be consulting with a specialist January 30th. The committee will make a determination after the consultation.

- Commissioner Training Conference will be held in Warrens on February 21-22nd. Commissioner will be attending. Topics of discussion – State Highway Maintenance, State Laws & County Codes and DNR permitting process.

Public Comment: Kichak mentioned the surveying on CTH FF.

Motioned by Koski, supported by Innes to approve payment of bills for December \$195,542.85 and January \$18,558.28. Motion carried.

Next monthly meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 15th at 4:00 P.M.

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

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