

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2014
HURLEY HIGHWAY OFFICE**

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: John Nelson-Commissioner, Tana Osterman, Joe Pinardi-County Board Chairman,
Paul Anderson-Coleman Engineering

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

Roll call was taken all members present.

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

Motioned by Innes, supported by Koski to approve the minutes from the meeting on November 19, 2013. Motion carried.

Old Business: None

Share Road Signs – Received a letter from Gary Theisen – Town of Mercer Development Planning Committee requesting permission and assistance to post thirty (30) “Share the Road” bicycle signs on CTH J, H and FF. Committee decided to table until April meeting to gather additional information.

Truck Bids – Discussed trading in two (2) 2009 Peterbilt trucks with plow and wing; keep underbody and spreader. Trade-in value \$68,000 each; will spend \$110,000ea for new trucks. Peterbilt having issues with the wiring harness and electrical.

Motioned by Lambert, supported by Youngs to authorize commissioner to prepare bid and advertise for two tandem trucks with equipment. Motion carried.

Employee Replacements – Two employees will be retiring this summer from the Highway Department. Commissioner will confer with Pope to see if these positions should be posted.

WisDot Engineer Recommendation for Bridges – After the State Municipal Agreement is signed the Highway Committee will conduct interviews. Town of Mercer is also interested in constructing a bridge project and it would be beneficial to do them at the same time.

Commissioner's Report

- STP funding for CTH FF project denied; 29 projects approved. This cycle 22 million was allocated, past cycle budget was 136 million. Ayres will complete the engineering project to 60% and continue engineering from the bridge to Lameka Rd using Chip funding. No paving will be done on CTH FF this summer, but will continue right-of-way brushing and ditching.
- Commissioner purchasing fenders for the grader \$4,750.

- Performance Base Maintenance – State is discontinuing the LFA funding and is promoting the Performance Base Maintenance Program. The county will submit a bid to the state and you will not receive additional funds if you exceed your bid. However, if you bid more than you spent you keep the overage.
- Summer work will consist of seal coating.
- Furnace Warm Storage Building – Previously the side vents would work with the furnace and open. These vents are now closed and insulated. We are using time rather than temperature controlled; cycling the air twice a day for 1 ½ hours.
- Nortrax here looking at the grader moldboard. Area was greased but concerned with the flexing iron.

Public Comment:

- Lambert would like the south beat called out when the rest are called out. Commissioner asks the 4” snow policy be changed if this is what the committee is requesting. Innes wants the commissioner to use his own discretion.
- Pinardi pleased with the job the crew is doing with the road conditions.

Motioned by Koski, supported by Youngs to approve payment of bills for January \$18,019.70. Motion carried.

Next monthly meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 4:00P.M.

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

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