

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014
HURLEY HIGHWAY OFFICE**

Members Present: Jim Kichak, Mitch Koski, Larry Youngs, George Nasi and Tom Thompson

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Swartz, Commissioner; Tana Osterman, Office Manager; Joe Pinardi, County Board Chairman, Vic Ouimette, County Board Member; and Nick Vos, WisDot.

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

Roll call was taken no members absent.

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

Motioned by Thompson, supported by Koski, to approve the minutes from the meeting on October 21, 2014. Motion carried.

Old Business: VanEpern has put his driveway into compliance.

Appearance Nick Vos, WisDot – Committee signed the 2015 Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA) \$1,081,600. This was an \$84,100, 8% increase from 2014. Winter Maintenance severity was increased and labor and fringes was adjusted. Discussed upcoming projects; Hwy 51 Weber Creek culvert, US2 televiser culvert and retie ends, Hwy 169 Railroad LFA culvert/guardrail, Hwy 51 PBM crack seal, Hwy 77 Montreal from bridge to Upson pushed back due to ADA sidewalk standards; need to acquire real estate.

Highway Patrolman Position was offered to Calin Thiede with a December 1st hire date.

Plow Purchase Commissioner Vehicle – Unable to install a plow on truck #2, too light. Will keep in mind when replacing truck in the future.

Plow Truck Purchase – Will go out to bid for one new tandem plow truck for 2015-2016 season. Delivery date deadline October 15th with a \$500/day penalty on the truck and equipment if not received. Trading unit 23 or 18.

Tandem Trucks were awarded to V&H February 19th with a 90-160day delivery date, which would be July 31 deadline date. They arrived at Burke Truck on August 11th and August 15th (11days overdue).

Equipment was awarded to Burke Truck with a 120day delivery date, which would be December 8th and December 12th deadline.

Winter Highway Conference will be at Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, January 12-14, 2015. Commissioner and Kichak will be attending.

Husbandry Bill – Weight limits for agricultural equipment. Committee can implement various options. Commissioner will contact Kretschmar to discuss his operation and how he may be impacted. January 15th is the deadline for implementing the policy.

2014 Budget: (\$19,346) Year-end balance.

Commissioner's Report:

- Cutting trees CTH FF; commissioner received updated map from Ayres Associates.
- Hard pack county roads; grader out today.
- Committee authorized Tana Osterman is paid out for any unused vacation at the end of the year.
- Bob Swartz Acting Commissioner position will end the last day of the pay period, November 15th.
- Discussed cleaning options for the Highway/Forestry departments. Will contact Melinda Nasi, Merritt Housekeeping and Human Service programs.

Motioned by Thompson, supported by Nasi, to approve the bills for November \$16,388.40.
Motion carried.

Public Comment: Youngs commented on the good job the office manager is performing and stated her wage should be left alone for helping the Commissioner. Pinardi agreed stating a recommendation would be made to the Finance Committee.

Vic Ouimette wanted to make sure the county was still on track with installing the share road signs.

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

Motioned by Nasi, supported by Thompson, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

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