

Approved 8/18/15

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2015
HURLEY HIGHWAY OFFICE**

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Swartz, Commissioner; Tana Osterman, Office Manager; Joe Pinardi, County Board Chairman and Doug Borchardt

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 June 16, 2015. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Radio Tower – Conferred with Darrell Petrusha and decided to continue contract with Elcom Systems through August and then terminate.
- Western Star Tandem Truck arrived end of June. Committee approved truck to be entered in the Heritage Parade.

Engineer Firm Selection for CTH G – Long Lake STP Project: Committee felt all firms presented good qualifications. Construction currently scheduled for 2018. Motioned by Youngs, supported by Nasi to rank the top three engineering consulting firms as follows: #1 Corre, Inc., #2 Ayres Associates and #3 CWE (Central Wisconsin Engineers). Motion carried. Ranking will be forwarded to Cedar Corp to negotiate a contract.

Patrolman Position Opening – Position is currently posted in the shop for ten working days. Advertisement is being published in the Iron County Miner July 23rd. Committee discussed performing an equipment test and having the commissioner select top ten applicants.

Commissioner Report:

- Crew currently working on CTH FF. Road has been milled and gravel placed. Price Electric needs to relocate poles. Paving scheduled for next week.
- Received DMA (Discretionary Maintenance Agreement) \$25,000 for culvert work on US2. Committee signed agreement.
- Hwy 169 culvert scheduled for August 17th & 18th. Detour will be set up on Hwy 77 and US2.
- Partial load of hardwood behind Mercer shop, Forestry will give us cord price estimate. Committee in favor of selling.

- Office Manager salary increase has been forwarded to Michael Pope. Issue will be resolved during negotiations.
- Mowing on state needs to be completed by the end of the month. Crew will continue on county roads. Mower was in shop for a cv-joint repair.
- Crew will be screening material for Town of Saxon.
- Crew changing culvert for Town of Kimball tomorrow.
- Commissioner will be looking at replacing the excavator or loader. Volvo has original tires that will need to be replaced.

2015 Year-end balance \$121,785.

Motioned by Thompson, supported by Nasi, to approve payment of bills for July \$40,380.83. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Doug Borchardt interested in construction project on CTH G. Committee just selected an engineer. Commissioner would like to pave from the bridge to CTH H intersection, funding permitting.
- Youngs would like Commissioner to get a pickup truck equipped with a plow.
- Kichak requesting church signs to be reinstalled. Never replaced after construction.

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

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

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