

5/17/16 Approved

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016
HURLEY HIGHWAY OFFICE**

Members Present: Jim Kichak, Larry Youngs, Scott Erickson, Patrick Hanson and Tom Thompson
Members Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Swartz, Commissioner; Tana Osterman, Office Manager; Joe Pinardi, County Board Chairman; Signature list attached

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 Youngs, to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 15, 2016. Motion carried.

Election of Chairman:

Thompson nominated Jim Kichak for Chairman, supported by Youngs. No other nominations. Erickson closed nominations and awarded the Highway Committee Chairman position to Jim Kichak. Motion carried.

Election of Vice Chairman:

Thompson nominated Larry Youngs for Vice Chairman, supported by Kichak. No other nominations. Thompson closed nominations and awarded the Highway Committee Vice Chairman position to Larry Youngs. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Commissioner awarded the excavator bid to Aring Equipment, Volvo. They will not extend the warranty, but an additional warranty can be purchased. Commissioner will look into purchasing an extended warranty. If we need an excavator before ours is delivered, they will loan us an excavator; we would have to pick-up unit.

CTH FF ATV Trail:

Mercer Dusty Loons ATV Club requesting CTH FF from Swamp Creek Rd to 1/2mile East Popko Circle West, approximately 4.3miles to be opened up to ATV's. Lengthy discussion from public the pros and cons to this decision. Club wants to see it opened to complete a circle route, so they would be eligible to submit for grants to extend the trail through the woods. Others were against the trail due to safety and maintenance concerns. Motioned by Thompson, supported by Erickson to open the specified trail under the conditions of giving the club 2yrs to apply for grants, club accepting responsibility for maintenance, and contingent on the county consulting with the insurance company regarding liability issues. This motion can be rescinded if issues with opening the trail exist. Motion carried.

Wood Sale Mercer Shop – Motioned by Youngs, supported by Erickson, to sell wood that was acquired from Hwy 47. Motion carried. Funds will be forwarded to the state, since it's their wood.

Motioned by Thompson, supported by Youngs, by roll call vote Thompson, Kichak, Youngs, Erickson and Hanson to move into closed session to discuss personnel issues according to 19.85(1)(f), Wisconsin State Statutes. Motion carried.

Motioned by Erickson, supported by Youngs by roll call vote Thompson, Kichak, Youngs, Erickson and Hanson to move into open session in matters discussed in closed session. Motion carried.

Commissioner will confer with an attorney regarding personnel issues.

Commissioner's Report:

- Commissioner will choose 3 individuals for summer employment.
- We will be selling a sign that we acquired from Yukon Inn last year.
- State projects:
 - \$66,000 culvert replacement on Hwy 122 and Hwy 51 near Stremski Rd
 - \$67,000 Hwy 169 shouldering
 - \$36,500 Hwy 51 crack sealing
 - Salt shed apron needs repair; will consider chip sealing or milling area.
- We will crack seal on CTH FF and CTH A
- Weight restrictions will be removed later next week or Monday, May 2nd depending on weather.
- State changing winter plow route: Hwy 182 to Sugar Bush Lane; gaining 8miles. We would plow Hwy 47 to Hwy 182; losing 4miles. This change would only be for winter, not summer maintenance.
- Summer schedule 4-10hr days will begin Monday, April 25th.
- Gravel crushing bids for Mercer shop posted and sent to vendors.
- Discussed charging towns a gravel royalty from Iron County pits. This will be put on the agenda in May.
- Accident occurred April 9th on CTH G between our plow driver and Town of Oma recycling attendant. No injuries, only damage to Town of Oma's trailer.

Budget: \$43,484 Year-end balance

Motioned by Thompson, supported by Youngs, to approve payment of bills for April \$14,842.24. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Next monthly meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 17th at 4:00P.M.

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

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