

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2016
HURLEY HIGHWAY OFFICE**

Members Present: Jim Kichak, Scott Erickson, Patrick Hanson, Larry Youngs and Tom Thompson

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Swartz, Commissioner; Tana Osterman, Office Manager II; Joe Pinardi, County Board Chairman; Nick Wiegand, Miller Bradford & Risberg; Steve Altobelli, Road Machinery Supplies; Paul Mullard, Iron County Board; Mike Lurndal, Fabick Cat; Randy Reidl, Nortrax Equipment; Rich Jenkins, Daily Globe; Nick Vos, WisDOT; Jesse Jefferson and Mike Statz, MSA Professional Services

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 Erickson, to approve the minutes from the meeting on May 17, 2016. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- CTH FF ATV trail is properly signed and opened.
- Globe Industries contract for crushing gravel was terminated due to no material crushed by completion date. Commissioner awarded the contract to Brackett & Son. Gravel will be crushed the end of July, beginning of August.

Loader Bids: Comparison chart attached

Discussed the different machines, specifications new/used/rental. Committee requesting vendors to bring their machines for the crew to demo.

Wisconsin County Highway Association (WCHA) requesting to adopt a Transportation Resolution to increase funding for road repair. Motioned by Thompson, supported by Youngs, to adopt the Transportation Resolution and forward to the County Board. Motion carried.

Appearance of Jesse Jefferson and Mike Statz – MSA, interested in any road and bridge projects.

Town of Mercer requesting to run a bike trail on CTH J to Carow Park. Motioned by Thompson, supported by Erickson, to approve running the trail from Shields Rd to Carow Park on the south side of the road. The town will be responsible for the expense and marking fog line. Motion carried.

Wisconsin County Highway Association (WCHA) requesting counties, towns and cities to have a meeting to discuss budget and roads concerns. Commissioner to host a Town Hall Meeting on September 29th.

Motioned by Youngs, supported by Erickson, to Adopt and Certify Petition for Aid – Disaster Damage Aid Program. Motion carried.

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

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

No action taken for matters discussed in closed session.

State Municipal Agreement (SMA) – Agreement is for CTH A on Parker Creek for the installation of a 137”x87” concrete elliptical pipe. This will be open to traffic by August 13th with a completion date of September 10th. WisDot will design project along with the hydraulic study and staff during the build. Project will be 100% funded. Motioned by Youngs, supported by Thompson, to sign the State Municipal Agreement. Motion carried.

Motioned by Thompson, supported by Youngs, to have Commissioner contact individual for employment. Individual will need to pass physical prior to hiring.

Commissioner’s Report:

- Request by Stormi Schmidt to install a Blind Child Area sign near her residence on CTH FF. Motioned by Hanson, supported by Thompson, to install the sign. Motion carried. Town of Mercer is paying for the two signs by Mercer School.
- Discussed storm damage on CTH A, CTH B and state roads.
- PBM Shoulder project on Hwy 169 complete.
- CTH FF – Hwy 51 to E. Popko Circle shouldered. Will stripe after section from Wallace to Lamakas is complete. Town of Mercer also has roads that need paint.
- Rented skidster for Hwy 169 washouts. Rental price will be applied towards purchase.

Motioned by Erickson, supported by Hanson, to approve payment of bills for June \$151,088.06 and July \$249,229.78. City of Hurley storm damage expenses \$6,000. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Committee thankful for all the community support during the storm disaster. We will put a notice in the Miner.

Budget: \$150,217 Year-end balance; before purchasing loader.

Next monthly meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 16th at 4:00P.M.

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

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