

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017
HURLEY HIGHWAY OFFICE**

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

Members Absent: Tom Thompson

Also Present: Mike Swartz, Commissioner; Tana Osterman, Office Manager II; Joe Pinardi, County Board Chairman, Michael Saari, County Clerk; and Eric Peterson, Forest Administrator

Kichak called meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

Roll call was taken Tom Thompson absent.

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

Motioned by Youngs, supported by Hanson, to approve the minutes from the meeting on November 15, 2016. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Commissioner thanked committee for approving his position to a 4-yr term.
- Discussed purchasing non steerable pusher axles for trucks hauling heavier loads of material. Used axles with no tires or wheels \$1,000-\$3,500, new \$5,600-\$5,900. Commissioner will get full package price with valves, air lines, controls etc.

Equipment Purchase:

- Motioned by Youngs, supported by Erickson to bid a tri-axle truck. Motion carried.
- Discussed purchasing either a 1/2ton or 3/4ton new truck for the commissioner. Current truck has almost 100,000miles. Also, discussed purchasing a new shop truck and reusing the box. Will look at dealers that have the state bid. Motioned by Erickson, supported by Hanson to bid pickup trucks. Motion carried.

Mercer Shop: Discussed looking at other facilities to decide what we would want for a new shop. Tri-axle trucks are too large to fit into the current shop. The back wall has been pushed out by one of the trucks because the space is not adequate. We've saved \$75,000 for a new shop and can use a portion of the \$320,000 that we'll receive from storm damage.

2016 Year-end Budget: \$65,169.86

Commissioner's Report:

- CTH FF – Paul Rd to Union Rd will need to acquire land if we want to straighten corners; will be sending out blacktop bids.
- Gravel Crushing – Mercer pit has been depleted. Need to crush 7,500-10,000yds in Pine Lake Pit. We'll look at other areas such as Deer Lake Rd and Beaver Lodge Circle/Fischer Lake.
- CTH G Bridge – Corre Engineering working with land acquisition. Trying to resolve issues with landowner.

- Commissioner interested in purchasing a paint truck. Painting 67 miles of county roads at .09¢/ft. would cost \$63,676 not including fog lines. We could obtain contracts with other counties and state for work.

Motioned by Hanson, supported by Youngs, to approve payment of bills for January \$6,920.52. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Eric Peterson wanted to inform the committee that Wisconsin Emergency Management, DNR and Flood Plain Regulations aren't going to let the campground back at the bottom of the hill, due to the flood plain. It was approved at the County Board to put the harbor back exactly as it was before the storm. Saari will put the item on the County Board agenda on Tuesday, Jan. 31st. The road and bridge is not an issue with WisDot 80/20 funding.

Pinardi inquired if Town of Gurney could install guardrail on Curry Rd using funding from the storm damage. Storm damage deadline passed, but county has used guardrail if the town is interested.

Next monthly meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 21st at 4:00P.M.

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

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