

Approved 12/16/08

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2008
HURLEY HIGHWAY OFFICE**

Members Present: Jim Kichak, Tom Innes, Don Richards, Bill Thomas and
Jim Lambert

Absent Members: None

Also Present: Bob Swartz-Acting Commissioner, Tana Osterman and
Dennis DeRosso

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 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 Innes, supported by Thomas to approve the minutes from the
meeting on October 21, 2008. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Well Closing - Received a letter from John Robinson, Department of
Natural Resources stating the department considers the salt
contamination case closed and no further investigation or
remediation is required at this time.

Committee authorized bidding a tandem plow truck. Bids will be presented
with and without a trade.

Plow & Gas Engine w/hydraulic pump sale - Kelly Ramme is interested in
purchasing the used plow that we replaced for \$200. The pump came with the
lowboy purchase that is not being used. We will put the pump in the Iron
County Miner for sale.

Motioned by Richards, supported by Innes to move into closed session by roll
call vote Thomas, Innes, Richards, Lambert and Kichak to review Highway
Commissioner applications. Motion carried.

Motioned by Innes, supported by Thomas to move into open session by roll call
vote Thomas, Innes, Richards, Lambert and Kichak to discuss items in closed
session. Motion carried.

Two applicants will be notified that they will receive an interview for the
Highway Commissioner position in January.

2008 Budget: Projected Year-end Balance \$36,426.

Mercer Windows/Doors: Received a quote from Menards on four windows for
\$364.66. Swartz would like to replace the single pane windows. Motioned by
Lambert, supported by Richards to purchase the windows and have the crew
install them. Motion carried.

Commissioner's Report:

- Received a letter from the Corps of Engineers for the ditch work on CTH C project from Odanah Road to the Gile Flowage. Activities such as this require prior authorization and a permit issued. The application was completed after the project. In the future the permit needs to be completed before the project is started. No violations were received.
- Hoist has been installed.
- Crews finishing up the brushing on CTH C. Will be cutting the trees on US51 near Harmel's Bear Den.
- Discussed Swartz plowing when he's commissioner. Committee doesn't feel he is violating the union contract by plowing. He will be paid for any hours that he works.

Public Comment:

- DeRosso noted that all agendas, minutes and bills can be posted on the Iron County website effective January 1st.
- Innes had a request for a solar warning light and speed sign near the harbor. We will look into the cost. Also, a request to plow an area near the harbor to keep the vehicles that are ice fishing off the road. Swartz said he has plowed an area in the past and then the banks are too high for boats to be put in later in the spring. We will honor this request.
- Kichak received a letter from Dean & Pope regarding the moisture in the warm storage building. There is a ten-year statute of limitations; meaning if the County intends to take legal action, it must do so within ten years of the substantial completion of the building. That deadline is January 23, 2013.

Motioned by Thomas, supported by Innes to approve payment of bills \$17,020.41. Motion carried.

The next monthly meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 4:30P.M.

Motioned by Thomas, supported by Innes to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

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