

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018  
MERCER TOWN HALL**

Members Present: Jim Kichak, Patrick Hanson and Scott Erickson

Members Absent: Larry Youngs and Karl Krall

Also Present: Mike Swartz, Commissioner; Tana Osterman, Office Manager II; Joe Pinardi, County Board Chairman; Opal Roberts and Brandon Snyder, County Board Supervisors

Kichak called meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

Roll call was taken Youngs and Krall absent.

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

Motioned by Hanson, supported by Erickson, to approve the minutes from the meeting on May 15, 2018. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Purchased Land Pride Mower from Quality Equipment in June. Mowing completed August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motioned by Erickson, supported by Hanson, to bid (1) Tandem Plow Truck. Motion carried. Chassis taking 250 days for delivery; 1 year to receive completed truck.

Discussed ATV trails on county roads. Committee suggests taking down the “No ATV” signs on CTH D near US2 to avoid confusion. Commissioner will remove signs.

2018 Budget – Year end Estimate \$488,991

Commissioner’s Report:

- 1998 – Model 252 Case Roller, (steel drum) needs repair. Original purchase price \$3,500. Roller not charging correctly, \$1,900 to repair and fuel pump needs to be replaced. Using Ashland Counties roller to finish culvert patches. New roller cost \$34,500.

Motioned by Erickson, supported by Hanson, committee gives commissioner authorization to buy a roller not to exceed \$34,000. Motion carried.

- CTH G/H Project – Northwood’s Paving preparing final grade this Thursday and Friday. Paving scheduled for Monday, permitting plant is setup. County will shoulder following week.
- State hasn’t approved the STP funding.
- PBM crack filling project on Hwy 51 completed.
- Temporarily closed Hwy 77 due to flooding; installed one new culvert. Hwy 51 and County Road C & G had tree damage. Issues have been resolved.
- Crew Work List:
  - Installed four culverts on Hwy 122; currently blacktopping patches.

- Installing culverts for Town of Kimball, Anderson, Saxon and Sherman using Land & Conservation design.
- Installed 13 culvert liners on Hwy 77; Ashland County will assist with grouting.
- Repaired (2) Bridge Decks; 122N and CTH FF. CTH FF Lake of the Falls bridge needs to be replaced.
- Patch holes and shoulder before winter.
- State culverts are inventoried, information available on GPS. Culverts graded 1-5 to prioritize upgrades.
- Truck #44 needs box replaced; will look for a used box.
- Paint truck maintenance completed, ready to paint roads.
- Saxon Harbor: Scheduled to pave roadway on Thursday, tear out bridge next week. September 6<sup>th</sup> deadline on schedule. Commissioner doesn't like the center pier on new bridge, but alternative of a higher road wasn't a solution. Need to watch area in the spring, so debris doesn't obstruct water flow.
- Digital Security interested in installing cameras. Committee suggests forwarding issue to the Finance Committee.

Motioned by Erickson, supported by Hanson, to approve payment of bills for June \$173,954.17, July \$342,583.60 and August \$59,259.95. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

- Pinardi noticed a tree near the wires at Cary Park; will call Xcel to address issue.
- Opal Roberts inquiring if any grants are available to establish a bike trail on CTH FF from Hwy 51 in 2miles. Area has many dangerous curves and hills; will consider paving a 3ft shoulder if funding available.
- Pinardi read letter from attorney stating board members need to abstain and remove themselves from meetings if discussing issues that conflict with their employment.

Next monthly meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00P.M.

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

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