

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019  
HURLEY HIGHWAY OFFICE**

Members Present: James Kichak, Scott Erickson and Patrick Hanson

Members Absent: Larry Youngs and Karl Krall

Also Present: Mike Swartz, Commissioner; Tana Osterman, Office Manager II; Joe Pinardi, County Board Chairman, sign-in sheet attached

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 Erickson, supported by Hanson, to approve the minutes from the meeting on February 19, 2019. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Pickup Truck not built as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 3-4mo. build time.
- Mack Truck delivered to Burke Truck on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

ATV/Snowmobile Trails: Discussed opening CTH FF from Hwy 51 to Popko Circle West. Tom Zeigler-Dusty Loons ATV Club and John Sendra mentioned the positives of opening CTH FF, such as decreased traffic on Popko Circle and adding to the tourist economy. Wayne Riebe-Gateway Lodge noted other counties that have county roads open; Polk, Burnett, Price, Lafayette, Iowa, Grant and Rusk County. Rodney Fischer would like CTH B opened to get to Saxon Harbor.

Forestry Department applied for a grant to put a trail from Nasi Camp Rd to Cramer Lake Rd to get UTV/ATV off the road on CTH G.

Commissioner suggests tabling discussion to confer with the Trail Coordinator, Warden and absent committee members for further input.

Motioned by Erickson, supported by Pinardi, to open all county roads to UTV/ATV access. Motion carried.

Motioned by Pinardi, supported by Hanson, to post county roads at 35mph for UTV/ATV. Dusty Loons ATV Club will be responsible for all signing throughout the county. Motion carried. Motion will not go into effect until all signage and publishing is complete.

Commissioner hired 4-employees for seasonal employment at \$12/hr., Avian Losh, Dante Bender, Cole Huotari and Kristopher Bluse.

Commissioner's Report:

- Barron County took 475ton salt from the Mercer Dome, we have 2,500ton remaining.
- LED lighting has been installed, exit lights need to be completed.

- Purchased shouldering machine from Aring Equipment, will need transmission work.
- Crew – Patching roads, pulling shoulders, crack sealing STH 47 & 77. Need to crack seal CTH FF and mill/pave sections on ramp.
- Gary Kangas cutting ROW on Hwy 51 (Moose Lake Rd to Old 51), Ken Meyer completed cutting ROW on Hwy 47.
- Completed cutting trees on CTH G. Hired Coleman Engineering to survey ROW.
- Bridge Project on CTH G, tentative construction date after July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Bridge Work: Crew washing bridges. PBM Epoxy Project Hwy 47 Lost Creek, Hwy 182 Bear River and Hwy 51 Weber Creek. Crew will work with Gogebic County on Hwy 122 Michigan line border bridge.
- Replaced guardrail on Hwy 47, Hwy 51 and US2, due to accidents.
- David Meurett, WisDOT Transportation Planner, Federal Highways, Central Office, Commissioner and Forestry will meet to discuss the reclassification to CTH A.

Budget: Estimated year-end \$64,793

Motioned by Erickson, supported by Hanson, to approve payment of bills for March \$59,567.66, April \$35,718.11 and May \$72,104.96. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Next monthly meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 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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