

Approved 6/16/2020

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2020
HURLEY HIGHWAY OFFICE**

Members Present: Larry Youngs, Scott Erickson, Bill Thomas, Karl Krall and Tom Thompson

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Mike Swartz, Commissioner; Tana Osterman, Office Manager II; Joe Pinardi, County Board Chairman; Tanner Hiller, County Board Member

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

Roll call was taken, no members absent.

Election of Chairman:

Erickson nominated Larry Youngs for Chairman. No further nominations. Pinardi closed nominations, supported by Thomas, by unanimous ballot to cast Larry Youngs Chairman. Motion carried.

Election of Vice Chairman:

Thomas and Erickson nominated Tom Thompson for Vice Chairman. No further nominations. Erickson closed nominations by unanimous ballot to cast Tom Thompson Vice Chairman. Motion carried.

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

Motioned by Krall, supported by Erickson, to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 12, 2020. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Received 10 bids for the purchase of a Lowboy Tractor. Commissioner purchased a Freightliner Tractor from Truck Country for \$110,261 with a 7yr bumper to bumper warranty. Town of Mercer will purchase our used Western Star lowboy for \$8,000.

Discussed the need of the Highway Department to maintain and improve the county highways, which requires the need for a utility owner to relocate its utilities within the county right-of-way. Motioned by Krall, supported by Thomas to adopt a Utility Relocation Ordinance. Highway Department will provide the utility owner a notice of 180 days to relocate utilities. A penalty of \$1,500 per day for violating any days past 180 day notice. Motion carried.

Reviewed Mercer shop design. Committee decided to reduce the size of the building from 18,000sq to 15,000sq. County will do excavation to reduce costs.

Building Costs:	Designers Range of Fees	Construction Mgmt. Range of Fees
15,000sq	\$2,641,306	\$2,434,593
18,000sq	\$3,051,470	\$2,810,298

Discussed borrowing \$1M from the bank instead using all savings for building. We have \$2M saved and would like to put \$1M into roads and \$1M towards building.

Motioned by Erickson, supported by Thompson, to go to Finance with recommendation to borrow \$1M for Mercer Shop Construction. Motion carried.

Budget: Year-end \$174,686,

Commissioner Report:

- Summer help – Commissioner will be hiring 2-3 employees.
- Crew done cutting trees on CTH G. Commissioner will sell wood in the right-of-way.
- Chip Seal – CTH A, CTH B to Saxon, CTH C (Hwy 77 to Hwy 51), section on CTH G. Will analysis cost using contractor vs. county.
- MSHA Training will be at the courthouse in May.
- Weight Restrictions were removed on HWY 122/169 on Monday, May 4th and the county system on Thursday, May 7th at Noon.
- Summer work – Shouldering, epoxy bridges, potholes
- Sold #69 Patcher to Town of Oma \$5,000
- Commissioner wrote letter to WisDOT asking why Iron County was not selected for STP funding for the CTH FF project. STP-Rural program had \$44,940,803 available in the 2020-2025 Program Cycle; 33 project requests totaling \$97,982,192 in federal funds, and 19 projects were selected totaling \$43,300,203. WisDOT policy is not to jump a project to select one that fits under the funding limit; Iron County raked 22.

Motioned by Thompson, supported by Erickson, to approve payment of bills for May \$3,409.50. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Pinardi wants to know if Highway is interested in purchasing 45 acres of land his family owns in Gurney for the gravel, asking \$1,000 acres. Commissioner will look at property.

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

Motioned by Thompson, supported by Krall, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

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