

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Members Present: Bill Thomas, Pat Hanson, Erickson, Karl Krall and Tanner Hiller

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Kasey Krall, Commissioner; Tana Osterman, Office Manager II; Larry Youngs, County Board Chairman, Scott Sivula, and Kurt Nasi

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

Roll call 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 Krall, supported by Thomas, to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 19, 2024. Motion carried.

Youngs opened nominations for Chairman. Erickson nominated Bill Thomas, supported by Hiller, for Chairman. No further nominations. Youngs closed nominations, supported by Erickson, by unanimous ballot and cast Bill Thomas Chairman. Motion carried.

Thomas opened nominations for Vice Chairman. Erickson nominated Pat Hanson, supported by Krall, for Vice Chairman. No further nominations. Thomas closed nominations, supported by Erickson, by unanimous ballot and cast Pat Hanson Vice Chairman. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Extending CTH J Blacktop Project 600ft. to utilize grant funds.
- Larry Stenross – New employee, started Monday April 22nd.
- Advertised for Part-timers through County Facebook, Mercer and Hurley High School. Will contact Gogebic Community College, starting wage \$15.

County requesting \$225,000 from Highway Department. Motioned by Erickson, supported by Krall, to reallocate \$225,000 to balance the county budget. Motion carried. Discussed borrowing money if the chipper needs a major repair. CTH G has no grant funding for the 2025 project, may have to cut back the length of the project.

Commissioner Report:

- Meeting with Jon Simonson, DNR on May 14th regarding the 2023 CTH FF project. Concerns with the shoulder gravel that was used. Permit states 6” minus fracture rock, we used screened round rock. May cost \$50,000 - 75,000 if material must be excavated. The closest rock is Forestry rock in Hoyt Pit.

- Invited to a John Deere factory tour in Debuque, Iowa in May or June. The Commissioner will attend using his own time, will have 2 employees attend. John Deere covering the motel, transportation and meal expenses. Motioned by Erickson, supported by Tanner, to grant request and attend the tour. Motion carried.

Reviewed 2024 Budget - Motioned by Erickson, supported by Tanner, to approve budget. Motion carried.

Motioned by Erickson, supported by Tanner, to approve payment of April bills \$20,822.09. Motion carried.

Public Comment – Youngs pleased with the team effort and accomplishments of the staff and Highway Committee. Made great strides with changing the function of the broom and revenue from the paint truck.

Next meeting was not scheduled; future meetings will be at 4:30PM

Meeting adjourned.

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