

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Kasey Krall, Commissioner; Tana Osterman, Office Manager II; Larry Youngs, County Board Chairman; Chris Thompson, Rob Milashus, Kurt Kluhsman, Tom Koivisto, Highway Staff.

Thomas called meeting to order at 4:30 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 Erickson, supported by Krall, to approve the minutes from the meeting on June 18, 2024. Motion carried.

Motioned by Krall, supported by Erickson, to move into closed session to discuss Employee Evaluations. Motion carried.

Motioned by Hanson, supported by Krall, to move into open session, no action taken in matters discussed in closed session. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Submitted to County Board for approval of bike trail on CTH J.
- Received Agreement from Town of Mercer for paving the shoulder along CTH J.

Patrolman Mike Lambert retired. We'll start the interview process in the middle of August, beginning September. New employee will start late September, early October, wage 90% for 6months. Position location Mercer, unless project is in Hurley.

CTH J Extension Agreement – Commissioner will have the agreement signed and notarized. The invoice will go to the Highway Department, and Town of Mercer will reimburse the Highway Department for paving with Pitlik & Wick.

Commissioner Report:

- Border Bridges will be split 50/50. Previously they were split into 1/3 County, 1/3 City Hurley & 1/3 City Ironwood. County will no longer be involved with the split.
- Crack sealing on Hwy 51 completed.
- Paving CTH J & CTH H to start end of July.
- CTH H culverts installed.

- Mowing far end Hwy 51, working on CTH FF & CTH J.
- Second week in August going to start painting for the state.
- In the process of submitting to the state, inventory for 56 culverts from the Highway, Forestry and Towns; \$5,600 project, \$3,000 profit.
- Hwy 77 mill and fill will begin later this month, unable to go through construction.

Reviewed 2025 Budget. \$822,000 General Property Taxes. Commissioner would like to purchase a skidsteer, 50% of the cost will be reimbursed with upcoming projects. Motioned by Krall, supported by Erickson, to approve the budget and forward it to the county board. Motion carried.

Reviewed 2024 Budget – Ending balance -\$45,778 Motioned by Tanner, supported by Erickson, to approve budget. Motion carried.

Motioned by Hanson, supported by Tanner, to approve payment of July bills \$33,391.54. Motion carried.

Public Comment – None

Next meeting date was scheduled for August 20, 2024, at 4:30PM.

Meeting adjourned.

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