

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024  
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

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

Members Absent: Scott Erickson

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

Thomas called meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

Roll call taken; Scott Erickson 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 Krall, to approve the minutes from the meeting on August 20, 2024. Motion carried.

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

Motioned by Krall, supported by Hiller, to move into open session by roll call vote, Thomas, Hanson, Hiller and Krall, no action taken in matters discussed in closed session. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Commissioner contacted a retired employee that would be interested plowing in an emergency.

Motioned by Hanson, supported by Tanner, to move into closed session by roll call vote, Thomas, Hanson, Hiller and Krall, to interview for the Patrolman position. Motion carried.

Motioned by Hanson, supported by Krall, to move into open session by roll call vote, Thomas, Hanson, Hiller and Krall, waiting for third candidate to arrive. Motion carried.

Employee #31, 6-month Probation period, Finance Committee approved today, the wage increases from \$25.79 (90%) to \$28.65 (100%) on his anniversary date.

Mechanic Foreman Wage, requesting .31¢ hr./\$644.80yr. increase to make the same wage as the Road Foreman, starting January 1<sup>st</sup>. Motioned by Krall, supported by Tanner, to approve the wage request and forward to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

Discussed the Bike Trail on CTH J. Iron County has the authority to approve bike trails on county roads because they're considered traffic. County decides the allowable use of amenities

in their right-of-way. Commissioner wants the opportunity for the Highway Department to do work within the easements. The process will be in stages with the goal of connecting the trail to Vilas County, and the trail being off the road. This trail will not be plowed in the winter. Becker Hoppe will have a presentation at the next county board meeting. Motioned by Hanson, supported by Hiller, to forward the request to the county board. Motion carried.

Motioned by Krall, supported by Hiller, to move into closed session by roll call vote, Thomas, Hanson, Hiller and Krall, to interview the third candidate for the Patrolman position. Motion carried.

Motioned by Hanson, supported by Krall, to move into open session by roll call vote. Thomas, Hanson, Hiller and Krall, to offer the Patrolman position to Mike Guild, pending preemployment physical. Motion carried.

Commissioner Report:

- Town of Anderson – Culvert project completed.
- Painting on state complete, except for a small section on Hwy 77; need to work on county.
- Hwy 77 – Working on mill and fill.
- Received second plow truck.
- Selling two plow trucks, funds will go into a CD for new truck purchase in 2026.
- Working on floor drain repair; will be completed next week.
- Pitlik & Wick working on paving CTH J & CTH H, will also pave a dip on CTH G.

Reviewed 2024 Budget – Ending balance \$49,575. Motioned by Hiller, supported by Hanson, to approve the budget. Motion carried.

Motioned by Krall, supported by Tanner, to approve payment of September bills \$162,792.05. Motion carried.

Public Comment – None

Next meeting date was scheduled for October 15, 2024, at 4:30PM.

Meeting adjourned.

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