

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Members Present: Bill Thomas, Karl Krall, and Scott Erickson

Members Absent: Pat Hanson and Tanner Hiller

Also Present: Kasey Krall, Commissioner; Tana Osterman, Office Manager II; Larry Youngs, County Board Chairman, Eric Peterson, Forest Administrator

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

Roll call taken; Hanson and Hiller were absent.

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

Motion by Krall, seconded by Erickson, to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2025, meeting. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Three applications were received for summer help. Two individuals will be hired.

Gravel Reclamation Fees:

There was discussion on reducing the gravel reclamation/stumpage fee by \$0.25. Concerns were raised about the county potentially needing to purchase land in the future if the gravel supply is depleted. Towns plan to crush approximately 30,000 yards of gravel this year. Forestry will manage the account and bill the Highway Department. The Finance Committee approved the establishment of a reclamation fund on March 25, 2025, with a balance of \$118,177.60.

Motioned by Erickson, supported by Krall, to reduce the fee from \$1.50 to \$1.25. Motion carried.

Petition for County Aid:

Four petitions for county aid were received by the following towns, with a total project estimate of \$22,967.

- Town of Pence
- Town of Kimball – Culvert on Center Dr.
- Town of Carey
- Town of Sherman

2026 Town of Kimball Bridge and CTH FF Bridge.

State Statute requires that all petitions be approved by November 1st in order to be included on the tax roll.

Motioned by Erickson, supported by Krall, to approve the petitions for county aid. Motion carried.

Commissioner's Report:

- Paving on CTH G is scheduled to begin on July 1st.
- The Associated Bank signature card needs updating due to the retirement of Mark Beaupre. New signatories will be Clara Maki (Treasurer), Kasey Krall, and Tana Osterman.

Motioned by Krall, supported by Erickson, to approve the commissioner's report. Motion carried.

2024 Budget Review:

- The current ending balance is -\$752,142.56. The CTH G paving project will be funded through the money market account (MMA).
- The Commissioner is working with the DNR to install a culvert liner on CTH A. If a liner cannot be used, the project cost will increase significantly due to equipment rental—estimated at \$20,000–\$25,000 for paving. The liner needed is approximately 3 feet by 120 feet. The culvert is located between Parker Creek and Erickson Road.
 - If the liner cannot be installed, the project will require 4–5 days of excavation and may be scheduled post–Labor Day, though there are concerns about rainfall. Boring may be considered as an alternative.
- A scissor lift is expected to be delivered in May.
- Waiting on delivery of a truck from UP Truck Center. The truck sustained damage during delivery and required replacement of the lift axle, driveshaft, all tanks, rear end, etc.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Erickson, seconded by Krall, to approve the April bill payments totaling \$20,500.28. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Next Meeting: Scheduled for June 17, 2025, at 4:30 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned.

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