

Approved 6/11/09

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2009
HURLEY HIGHWAY OFFICE**

Members Present: Tom Innes, Jim Lambert and Jim Kichak (Arrived 4:10 P.M.)

Absent Members: Don Richards, Bill Thomas

Also Present: John Nelson-Commissioner, Bob Swartz-Foreman, Tana Osterman, and
Dennis DeRosso. Sign up Sheet attached

Innes called meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. DeRosso will participate to meet quorum requirement.

Roll call was taken Thomas and Richards absent.

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

Motioned by DeRosso, supported by Lambert to approve the minutes from the meeting on April 21, 2009. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- ATV Routes:

- Town of Oma request:

- CTH C - Kuuisisto Rd to the railroad grade.

- CTH CC – North to CTH C to the railroad grade.

- CTH G – Entire length to Michigan line

- Town of Mercer request:

- Lambert stated the Town has not discussed this at their town meetings.

- CTH H - Oma Town Line to Fischer Lake Rd

- CTH H – 2 block section near Cramer Lake Rd (south to ATV trail)

- CTH FF – Swamp Creek Rd to Ashland County Line

- (Crystal Lake hill to dangerous)

- CTH J – Railroad grade to Highway 51

- Town of Carey request:

- CTH C – Baldovin Rd to Kuusisto Rd. (letter attached)

- Town of Kimball:

- Received a letter indicating that they do not want any county roads in Kimball opened as ATV routes.

CTH A – Harbor Lights to Harbor (will verify with Tom Koivisto, Town Saxon Chairman)

Mercer, Oma and Carey have volunteered and agreed to installing and maintaining the ATV signs on the county roads in their towns. The county will not be installing or maintaining any of these signs. Signs will be installed at the beginning, end, and route crossings as indicated in the ATV route guidelines.

Shoulder maintenance – Dave Traczyk stated that the ATV club doesn't receive any funding for trails on the county road system. The club has 500-600 yds of gravel in the pit from a previous closed out project that the county could use for shoulder damage. They don't crush gravel on a regular basis.

Dennis DeRosso, Chairman Town of Oma said they would take care of any shoulder work in their town.

Safety was discussed with children riding the roads being under the age of 16yrs. Santini stated law enforcement needs to be involved. An ATV is only allowed to travel at 25mph on the road, and 10mph if within 100ft of a dwelling or pedestrian.

Motioned by DeRosso, supported by Lambert that the routes be drafted and reviewed at the next monthly meeting and to be included in the Code of Ordinances. Motion carried.

CTH H Project – Commissioner doesn't feel that an engineer is necessary at this time. Centurytel is willing to move their lines, and some poles may need to be moved. CTH H is considered a Rustic Road. Kichak said any trees that will be in conflict with the construction would be removed. He would also like to see the curve near Dan Johnson residence straightened.

Commissioner spoke with Tom Bergman- Zoning Administrator requesting permission to cut trees within 35ft of the lake on CTH H. Bergman didn't have an issue removing the trees to help us maintain the road.

Sand Inventory – County running low on sand. Pine Lake pit and CTH FF pit will need screening. DeRosso noted that 40 acres was acquired in the Town of Saxon off US2 due to tax delinquency; will see if any material is available at this location.

Sand and rock is located at the pit on CTH FF. The material is from a previous project on CTH FF. The landowner is claiming the material is his, because it's on his land. The county believes it is their material, because it was from a previous project on CTH FF that was paid for when Duffek Sand & Gravel crushed. Commissioner will research topic and will review at the next monthly meeting.

Log Sale Hwy 51 – County crews brushed and cut trees along Hwy 51. Logs were sold to Gary Leinon approximately 30-35 cord at \$70/cord. Proceeds will be given to the state for the sale, and the state will allocate the funds to our routine maintenance.

Employees Starting Locations – Chris Thompson was asked to report and punch in at the Hurley shop at 6A.M. starting time. The ad in the paper specified the work location might be either the Hurley or Mercer Highway Department.

The committee agreed that employees working out of the Mercer shop would no longer be asked to punch in at the Hurley shop. Employees will punch in at Mercer and then drive a county vehicle up to Hurley.

Budget: \$24,264 Estimated Year-end

Commissioner's Report:

- Hired Railroad Flagman for \$700/day for CTH B project. It is a law that we have to use their flagman.
- Crack sealing on CTH C, 169 and 77 completed.
- DNR permit for CTH C submitted.
- CTH B soft spots need to be dug out before paving. Will need to purchase breaker run from Brackett \$7.00/ton.
- Brock Gehrig, WISDOT working to correct the sufficiency rating on CTH G bridge.
- Northwood's Paving will begin construction on CTH B June 18th.
- CTH E – Project approximately \$20,000 under estimate.
- Salt bid price increased \$15/ton.

Public Comment:

- Kichak mentioned the 4ft culvert on CTH G near the Long Lake inlet needs to be replaced.
- DeRosso mentioned the dip on Hwy 51, near Oma Town Hall needs to be addressed. Commissioner will see if we can hire Vilas County to mill blacktop and replace.
- Commissioner contacted Mike Wendt from WISDOT regarding the raveling on US2. Wendt will report back to us on this situation.

Motioned by Innes, supported by Lambert to approve payment of bills \$196,682.28. Motion carried.

Next meeting date was schedule for Thursday, June 11th at 8:00 A.M. to attend Road Inspection.

Next monthly meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 23rd at 4:00 P.M.

Motioned by Lambert, supported by Innes to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

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