

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2009
HURLEY HIGHWAY OFFICE**

Members Present: Tom Innes, Jim Lambert, Don Richards, Jim Kichak and Bill Thomas

Absent Members: None

Also Present: John Nelson-Commissioner, Tana Osterman, Rick Satterlee-Ayres Associates,
Ron Jacobson and Dave Grutzic-Central Wisconsin Engineers CWE

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

Roll call was 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 Innes, supported by Thomas to approve the minutes from the meeting on June 23, 2009. Motion carried.

Appearance Rick Satterlee – Ayres Associates: Celebrating 50 years of service. Designed the CTH E Bridge that is currently under construction. Thanked committee for their business and always interested in any on-call or future contracts.

Appearance of Ron Jacobson and Dave Grutzic – Central Wisconsin Engineers CWE:
Firm was founded in 1982, located in Weston, Wisconsin with 35 employees, DOT certified. The company is primarily a civil engineering firm with four branches – Civil, Environmental (solid waste, wetlands, landfills), Architect (2 licensed staff members) and Survey Departments. Interested in any projects the county may have.

Old Business:

- Sand Inventory – Unable to rent Gogebic Counties screener, not road worthy. Ross Peterson doesn't have one large enough for our needs. Highway uses approximately 2,000yds of sand yearly, and doesn't have enough for the season. Commissioner will contact the towns/city to see if they have any interest in renting a screener from us if one was purchased. Commissioner will get prices for a new/used screener.

State Salt Conveyor: Commissioner doesn't feel that it's feasible for us to pursue the purchase of the conveyor. We don't want the responsibility or the high maintenance costs. We can rent the unit from Lincoln County and charge the rental rate to the state.

CTH J ATV Route – Motioned by Richards, supported by Innes to forward the Amended Ordinance to the County Board to open the ATV Route on CTH J East of Beaver Lodge Rd to Long Rd. Motion carried.

Equipment Purchase:

- Single Axle Truck – Commissioner would like to purchase a single axle truck before the 2010 urea mandates are in effect that would cost an additional \$8,000-\$10,000.

Motioned by Lambert, supported by Richards to table the purchase of a Single Axle Truck until the September meeting. Motion carried.

- Tri-Axle Dump Boxes – Commissioner would like to periodically replace the boxes on the tri-axes.

Budget: \$54,668 Estimated Year-end balance.

2010 Budget – DeRosso estimates the county will lose approximately \$210,000 for 2010: \$12,000 Shared Taxes, \$63,000 Interest Loans, and \$50,000 Sales Tax, \$85,000 Salary Increase.

Reviewed 2010 Budget – Adjusted the following:

	Proposed 2010 Budget	Cost Reduction	Revised 2010 Budget
2009 Carry Over		\$54,000	
Buildings & Grounds	\$65,000	\$15,000	\$50,000
CTH Main & Const	\$882,768	\$31,000	\$851,768
Equipment Purchases	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
		-\$175,000	

General Property Taxes \$940,000, but will stay the same as 2009 \$765,000. Decreased the 2010 budget \$175,000. The state estimates the Routine Maintenance Contracts will decrease 10-30%.

Motioned by Innes, supported by Thomas to submit the 2010 budget with the same figure as 2009. Motion carried.

Commissioner's Report:

- LRIP meeting scheduled for tomorrow has been cancelled. They are trying to revise and make some changes to the program before having the meeting.
- CTH E – Under construction, Completion date Sept 15th.
- Poplar Bridge – Delay due to paperwork issues. Completion date October 27th.
- Commissioner would appreciate any call out to be channeled through him to avoid any confusion and overtime.
- Received a letter from Erhard & Payette, LLC Attorneys at Law requesting all minutes, agendas, and tape recordings from June 1, 2007 thru October 1, 2008. The letter was forwarded to Michael Pope – Dean & Pope.

Public Comment: None

Motioned by Lambert, supported by Innes to approve payment of bills July \$405,041.06 and August \$199,441.59. Motion carried.

Next meeting date was schedule for Tuesday, September 15th at 4:00 P.M.

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

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