

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2009
HURLEY HIGHWAY OFFICE**

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

Absent Members: None

Also Present: John Nelson-Commissioner, Tana Osterman, and Dennis DeRosso

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 Thomas, supported by Innes to approve the minutes from the meeting on August 18, 2009. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Sand Inventory – Department purchased sand from Jim Rowe, Gurney for \$2.00/yard.

Open Truck Bids – Finance Committee decided that no equipment would be purchased due to the budget crisis. The pricing of the bids was not discussed.

Dump Truck Replacement Boxes – Commissioner received a quote for \$11,475. Motioned by Innes, supported by Richards to table the purchase until 2010. Motion carried.

Motioned by Richards, supported by Lambert to forward the Amended Ordinance to the County Board to open the ATV Route on CTH FF from Swamp Creek to Kimmear Road. Motion carried. DeRosso mentioned Stu Pfeiffer-DNR warden has been sending double rider ATV's and dirt bikes back to Hurley stating they are not allowed on Mercer trails.

Budget - \$114,860 estimated year-end balance

The State Routine Maintenance Agreement allocation is going to be reduced 11.82% in 2010. The County Budget will be reduced \$166,000 in 2010. Building & Grounds Operations will be reduced \$15,000 and County Maintenance and Construction will be reduced \$151,000. The department will pave only 2miles vs. 3miles in 2010.

Commissioner's Report:

- CTH E – Pavement markings completed and will open Wednesday, October 14th.
- Poplar Bridge – Behind schedule, due to contamination. The west abutment has been removed, east abutment completed.
- CTH H – Crew ditching and removing trees.
- Hwy 51 – Crew working on Turtle River Bridge.
- Tony Trolla sold #92 Chip Spreader and #79 Roller for \$6,300.

- Commissioner handed out the Winter Maintenance Policy to the committee for the County Boards approval. DeRosso didn't approve of the 18hr road coverage for the state. The Routine Maintenance Agreement is signed annually with the state. Commissioner explained the department is only called out in emergencies. Employees wage, fringes and equipment is paid at 100% by the state under this agreement. DeRosso concerned about employees taking advantage and plowing shoulders on overtime. The state mandates that overtime is for the roadway only and not for plowing shoulders or clearing intersections. Commissioner is at the office most of the time when the crew is plowing on overtime and will watch for these concerns.

Public Comment: Innes wanted to know if it was the Sheriff's Departments responsibility to remove deer on the roadway. Lambert will talk with the Sheriff's Department about removing road hazards.

Motioned by Lambert, supported by Thomas to approve the payment of the bills in September for \$22,065.61 and October \$22,191.47. Motioned carried.

Next meeting date was schedule for Tuesday, November 17th at 4:00 P.M.

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

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