

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2010
HURLEY HIGHWAY OFFICE**

Members Present: Jim Kichak, Tom Innes, Jim Lambert, Mitch Koski and Larry Youngs

Absent Members: None

Also Present: John Nelson-Commissioner, Tana Osterman, Dennis DeRosso,
Bob Weinkauff-Dead Horse Lodge, Wayne Riebe-Gateway Lodge & Resort

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

Roll call was taken no members were 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 Lambert to approve the minutes from the meeting on May 11, 2010. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Scale Usage – Commissioner sent a letter to Midwest Forest Products stating we would be billing them \$200/month scale usage fee.

ATV Trails:

- CTH FF – Weinkauff and Riebe are requesting the ATV trail be opened from Popko Circle West to Kimmear Rd. The Commissioner recommends not opening this section until it has been reconstructed, too dangerous. He doesn't want the ATV's running in the ditch because of the extensive maintenance. Town of Mercer has not opened Popko Circle as a trail. Committee recommends going to the Forestry Department to help assist them in coming up with an alternative route.
- CTH E – Request to open CTH E from Whitecap to snowmobile/ATV trail, approximately ¼ mile east of the park. The town would be responsible for signing. Motioned by Lambert, supported by Innes to open the above section of CTH E. Motion carried. An Ordinance will be put on the county board agenda for their approval.

CTH D Extension – City of Hurley's project was approved by the state for extending CTH D to Hwy 77. The state would like Iron County to use their STP funds to upgrade CTH D from the project to US 2. The committee is not in favor of using the STP funds for this upgrade, because CTH D was repaved 7years ago and has other roads that could better utilize the funds. Committee is also not in favor of switching any roads with the City of Hurley. It was suggested for Iron County to take over the new extension and City of Hurley to take CTH D from the bend to Division St.

CTH FF Lake of the Falls sign – Commissioner didn't have a problem moving this sign closer to the county line. He will have the crew change the location at the end of the month or beginning of July.

Paving Kimball Pit – Park Rd: Luppino requesting the Highway Department pave the apron on US2 on Park Rd, which would cost approximately \$2,000. He feels the county utilizes the road and crosses his property to get to the county pit. However, Luppino also has to cross county property to get to his pit. The road is Town of Kimball's, but Luppino is responsible for the maintenance due to no weight restrictions being implemented. The state would have to approve paving the apron. Motioned by Lambert, supported by Innes to deny Luppino's request for paving the apron. Motion carried.

Budget: \$55,112 Estimated year-end balance

Commissioner's Report:

- Ditch work and culverts have been installed on CTH H. Will start the lift as soon as the CHIP funding is approved.
- Crew started shouldering on Hwy 182
- Received \$70,371.89 LFA – Local Force Account funding for crack sealing on US2, new section on Hwy 122, and Hwy 77 if any funds remain.
- The state received a grant and is mandating the counties install GPS equipment in the plow trucks by fall. The state hasn't made any decisions regarding the ongoing maintenance expense with this mandate.
- Weight Limit Law didn't pass. The proposal allowed vehicles to drive on any road, any time.

Public Comment:

- Lambert asked about the culvert (1/4 mile west of Musky Point Rd) bump on CTH FF. Commissioner feels the elevation doesn't warrant a culvert and will eliminate it in a few weeks.
- Lambert inquired about purchasing new boxes for the tri-axles. Commissioner will replace two boxes this fall and the other box next year, budget permitting.

Motioned by Innes, supported by Koski to approve payment of the bills for June \$13,175.41. Motioned carried.

Next meeting date was scheduled for Monday, July 19th at 4:00 P.M.

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

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