

**MINUTES OF THE BAYFIELD COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Bayfield County Highway Committee was called to order by Vice-Chairman Bichanich at 4:00 PM on Monday, January 18, 2010 at the Highway Office in Washburn. Present were Committee members: Blahnik and Crandall and Commissioner Toepfer.

Motion by Blahnik/Crandall and carried to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2009 meeting of the Bayfield County Highway Committee.

The next meeting was scheduled for February 10, 2010.

Vouchers were audited. After discussion, motion by Blahnik/Crandall and carried to approve vouchers totaling \$24,150.44.

The Commissioner presented a revised position description for the Shop Foreman position. After discussion, motion by Crandall/Blahnik and carried to approve the description.

The Commissioner presented specifications for the purchase of two patrol trucks. After discussion, motion by Crandall/Blahnik and carried to approve the specifications / guidelines.

The Commissioner distributed the 2010-2011 Local Road Improvement Program project submissions.

The Commissioner reported that at the request of the USFS, he will be administering an ARRA funded Traffic Sign Replacement Program for Townships with roads in the Chequamegon National Forest. The Commissioner reported that Bayfield County has \$56,000 available for the program.

The Commissioner presented a tentative 5-year construction / maintenance set of goals. After discussion, motion by Blahnik/Crandall and carried to approve the program understanding that changes can be made with the cooperation of the Commissioner and Committee.

The Commissioner reported that he will give a synopsis of 2009 at the January 26, 2010 meeting of the Bayfield County Board.

The Committee commended highway department staff on their winter highway maintenance during the prolonged weather events in December and January.

The Commissioner reported that CTH J was completed and that costs were 25% higher than the bid amount. The project was awarded at \$112,000 and completed for \$140,000.

The Commissioner reported that the re-decking of the CTH D / Namakagon River Bridge will be let on January 26, 2010 as an ARRA project.

The Commissioner reported that highway employee Paul Johanik has accepted the Patrol Superintendent position vacated by the retirement of Keith Larson.

The Commissioner reported that he has submitted the paving of CTH A in the area of Larson Creek as a CHIP project.

The Commissioner reported on prevailing wage and invasive species presentations at the Winter Highway Conference.

Motion by Crandall/Blahnik and carried to adjourn at 5:20 PM.

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Thomas R. Toepfer, Highway Commissioner  
Bayfield County Highway Department