

**MINUTES OF THE BAYFIELD COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Bayfield County Highway Committee was called to order by Chairman Beeksma at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at the Highway Office in Washburn. Present were Committee members: Bichanich, Crandall and Maki, Commissioner Toepfer, and a group of citizens from the Town of Namakagon. Committee member Blahnik was excused.

Motion by Bichanich/Crandall and carried to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2010 meeting of the Bayfield County Highway Committee.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 12, 2010.

Vouchers were audited. After discussion, motion by Maki/Bichanich and carried to approve vouchers totaling \$454,344.51

Citizens from the Town of Namakagon area expressed opinions for and against allowing ATV traffic on CTH D between the Namakagon Chief and Birch Bend Road. The Commissioner explained that the Committee looked at the specific 1200' of CT D and deemed it safe from a highway perspective. Subsequently, numerous additional issues have come to light which are out of the realm of highway operations.

After extensive discussion, motion by Maki/Bichanich and carried to leave the section open to ATV traffic but to forward the matter for recommendations from the Tourism and Recreation Committee and the Zoning Committee before presentation to the full County Board.

The Commissioner reported on the massive increase in paving costs and the possible relationship to the glut of ARRA projects state wide. The Commissioner recommended postponing the CTH D resurfacing project and investing more in maintenance activities. The Commissioner proposed chipsealing 16 miles of CTH's in 2010. Motion by Bichanich/Crandall and carried to support the program substitution.

The Committee reviewed quotations for chipsealing. Motion by Crandall/Bichanich and carried to contract with Scott Construction Inc.

The Commissioner reported that he received no response to the department's advertisement to sell two used patrol trucks.

The Committee reviewed a proposal for one (1) road widener / shoulder machine from Miller-Bradford and Risberg, Inc. After discussion, motion by Bichanich/Crandall and carried to approve the purchase of one Midland SA shouldering attachment for use on the department's Cat grader for \$73,740.


The Commissioner presented a contract with Cedar Corp to conduct the required bridge inspections on County and Town bridges in Bayfield County. The Commissioner reported that highway employee Jim Zifko has completed training and has been certified as a Federal NBI Bridge Inspector. The Commissioner and Zifko will assist this year and take over the program in 2011. Motion by Maki/Bichanich and carried to approve the contract.

The Commissioner presented a resolution authorizing the Commissioner to post mandatory 35 MPH speed limits in temporary work zones. The Commissioner reported that the reduction is very effective in reducing windshield damage during chipsealing operations. Motion by Crandall/Maki and carried to approve the resolution for presentation to the full County Board.

The Commissioner reported that WisDOT will be soliciting projects for the 2011-2014 Federal Aid Program. Bayfield County has an estimated \$1.2 million entitlement. The Commissioner reported that he will look at the feasibility of utilizing the funds in coordination with Obey's earmark to complete CTH C.

Motion by Bichanich/Maki and carried to adjourn at 6:00 PM.

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Thomas R. Toepfer, Highway Commissioner
Bayfield County Highway Department