

**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Members Present: Bill Thomas, Pat Hanson, Scott Erickson, Tanner Hiller

Members Absent: Karl Krall

Also Present: Kasey Krall, Commissioner; Tana Osterman, Office Manager; Larry Youngs, County Board Chairman

Call to Order:

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Karl Krall absent.

Meeting Notice:

The meeting was properly posted in the Iron County Miner, Ironwood Daily Globe, and announced on WJMS and WUPM.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Hanson, supported by Erickson, to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2025, meeting. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- None

SourceWell:

SourceWell is a government-based purchasing cooperative that assists counties, schools, and municipalities to purchase supplies and equipment. It issues competitive solicitations on behalf of its members, streamlining the purchasing process while ensuring compliance with applicable laws.

- Motion by Erickson, supported by Hiller, to utilize SourceWell for equipment purchases. Motion carried.

Equipment Purchase:

- Portable Traffic Lights: Two quotes were received. \$63,800 from JTI John Thomas Inc. and \$52,416 from Horizon Signal. A trailer will also need to be purchased. The purchase includes six signals with sensors that synchronize with side roads. The state will reimburse \$30 per hour for its use.
 - Motion by Hiller, supported by Erickson, to purchase the portable traffic lights from Horizon Signal. Motion carried.
- The Commissioner recommended revising the five-year plan to purchase a truck prior to the excavator due to new emission requirements, delaying the excavator purchase by one year.
 - Motion by Hanson, supported by Hiller, to approve the truck purchase and postpone the excavator. Motion carried.

Generator:

Quotes were received from Jolma Electric and Restore Electric. The Commissioner selected Restore Electric due to its local status and more detailed proposal. If Restore Electric is awarded a separate bid elsewhere, a generator from that project may be donated, with the County responsible only for labor costs.

Commissioner’s Report:

Emergency Management:

- Ongoing work with 911 system
- Coordinating with towns/city on disaster assistance related to the snow emergency
- Upcoming 911 conference

Highway Department:

- Crews preparing for spring thaw and managing water control
- Organizing signage for the \$30,000 LFA project on Hwy 77
- Permit received for CTH J culvert

Closed Session:

Motion by Erickson, supported by Hanson, to move into closed session by roll call vote (Erickson, Thomas, Hiller, Hanson and Youngs) to consider the Commissioner’s performance evaluation. Motion carried.

Motion by Hiller, supported by Hanson, to return to open session by roll call vote (Erickson, Thomas, Hiller, Hanson and Youngs) to take any necessary action regarding matters discussed in closed session. Motion carried. Youngs will submit the completed evaluation to the Clerk’s Office.

Payment of Bills:

Motion by Erickson, supported by Tanner, to approve payment of the following bills:

- January: \$235,332.25
- February: \$31,818.80

Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Youngs reported that Kurt Wolff is transferring funds from Account 700 to Account 208. He reiterated that the Highway Department will not lose any current funding and will retain all accrued interest.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by:

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