

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

February 12, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on February 12, 2019.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Schaefer & Olson

Guests: Don Piche

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

The minutes of the January 8, 2019 regular meeting were read and approved by a motion by Commissioner Olson and supported by Commissioner Schaefer. The motion carried.

Vouchers # 28429 and # 28430 and Master Vouchers # 3-2019, # 4-2019 in the total amount of \$235,221.38 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to pay the bills as presented. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

The financial statement was read, discussed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Schaefer and supported by Commissioner Olson. The motion carried.

Old Business:

The Board discussed various issues involving the Central property and Gay Sands, including potential GreenSand proposals to MDEQ for product usage. The Engineer informed the Board that H.B. 4120, introduced by Representative Markkanen, is now in the House Transportation Committee and is awaiting action. The plans and permits are approximately 70% complete for the Gay-Lac La Belle Road relocation project. On a side note, the Michigan Wetland Board (MiWB) is interested in purchasing additional wetland properties in Keweenaw County for wetland banking credits to be available for statewide use. The Engineer will continue to monitor this situation and discuss purchase options with the MiWB.

New Business:

The Board discussed the Master Plan for Brockway Mountain Summit developed by the Eagle Harbor Township. The Board agreed with most of the items discussed and proposed, and would like to maintain parking around the loop. Also discussed was the potential of ORV traffic accessing the loop area. The Board expressed concerns over the possible road and edge damage, shoulder damage and traffic issues resulting from the mix of vehicles, bicycles and ORV's. The Board directed the Engineer to discuss this issue with the Sheriff's Department and review the ordinance and applicable state laws.

The Board discussed the need for additional county road maps as inventory is running low. The County, the Road Commission and the Historical Society would split the costs at about \$1,800 each. Commissioner Olson motioned to authorize the 1/3 of the total cost for the new maps following

the review and approval of the draft map by the Engineer and Staff. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer presented to the Board the annual vehicle and equipment reports along with the equipment needs list. The report and needs list were reviewed and discussed. With all the needs for vehicles and equipment, the Board agreed with the prioritized list as developed by the Engineer, Finance Director, Foreman and Shop Foreman. On a motion by Commissioner Schaefer with support by Commissioner Olson, the Board directed the Engineer to accept sealed bids for a new 3 axle lead trailer, and continue to search for a used sign shop truck and tandem dump trucks. The motion carried.

The Engineer discussed the need to upgrade the current traffic counters to a more modern and safer technology. The proposed traffic counters use radar instead of tubes, requiring no time in traffic lanes during installation and retrieval. The data collected is the same as our current traffic counters, which are approximately 17 years old with continuing maintenance issues.

The Board discussed the upcoming CRA Annual meeting to be held in Lansing, March 12 – 14. Commissioner Olson motioned to designate the Engineer as the authorized vote for the KCRC on any issues that may arise at the meeting. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried. Plans were made to attend.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm

Joe Waananen, Chairman

Gregg Patrick, Engineer