

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

August 11, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on August, 2020.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Schaefer & Olson

Guests: James Vivian III, Charles Kerttu

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

The minutes of the July 9, 2020 regular meeting were read and approved by a motion by Commissioner Olson and supported by Commissioner Schaefer. The motion carried.

Vouchers # 28465 and # 28466 and Master Vouchers # 15-2020, # 16-2020 in the total amount of \$314,675.61 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.

Commissioner Olson motioned to accept the financial statement as presented. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried

Old Business:

Additional stamp sands may be moved by the MDNR and MDEGLE this fall, with the possibility of KCRC and HCRC getting some material for testing as winter traction control sand from end of Gay Park Road area to the Big Traverse River.

New Business:

Bids were received for Unit #140, front end loader and Unit #7, Chevrolet Tahoe. The Engineer opened the bids and read them aloud. The bids for the front – end loader were as follows: Bjorn Excavating - \$2000.00; Rinne Fuel and Excavating - \$4,000.00; Charles Kerttu - \$7,500.00. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to award the front-end loader to the highest bidder, Charles Kerttu, for \$7,500.00. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried. Only one bid was received for the Chevrolet Tahoe, from Barry Koljonen, for \$1,801.25. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to award the Chevrolet Tahoe to Barry Koljonen for \$1,801.25. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer gave the Board an update on the summer paving projects. The work on the paving projects is expected to be completed by August 25th according to Payne & Dolan, Inc.

Jim Vivian III, Executive Director, of the Keweenaw Outdoor Recreation Coalition (KORC) presented the Board an overview of their mission and goals for the future of recreational lands and opportunities in Keweenaw County. He requested a resolution of support to show in future grant applications that the Road Commission, as well as other public bodies in the county, support their

unified efforts. Commissioner Olson motioned to approve and adopt a resolution of support for KORC. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of Commissioners Waananen and Olson, ayes and Commissioner Schaefer, nay. A copy of the resolution shall be made a part of these minutes

The next Great Lakes Council meeting is scheduled for September 3rd. At this time, it will most likely be virtual, similar to the May meeting. Details will be made available as soon as we receive them.

Commissioner Olson commented on the increased amount of overnight camping in the county and state roadside parks this year and asked about the “No Camping” signs that have been either stolen or damaged. The signs will be replaced as soon as possible. Commissioner Olson motioned to place metal highly visible “No Camping” signs in the roadside parks and to investigate the possibility of adding the roadside parks to the county ordinance that prohibits camping at Gratiot River County Park and make it a civil infraction. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

Other items of routine business were discussed

The meeting adjourned at 2:48 pm

Joe Waananen, Chairman

Gregg Patrick, Engineer

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Supporting Keweenaw Outdoor Recreation Coalition

WHEREAS, the Keweenaw Outdoor Recreation Coalition (KORC) is a group of Keweenaw County residents, organizations and landowners with a goal of combining efforts into a community-wide movement to work with the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and other partners to improve public access, management, ownership and control of the outdoor natural and recreation lands of Keweenaw County.

WHEREAS, KORC has donated \$5851.00 to Keweenaw County for the improvement to the amenities at the Gratiot River Park in Allouez Township, improved the west road to Schlatter Lake camping area, is installing waste receptacles at High Rock; and

WHEREAS, tourism is the backbone of the economy and employment in Keweenaw County and provides the comforts and amenities which visitors and residents enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Keweenaw County Road Commission recognizes that to grow and thrive, a larger secure land base and permanent motorized and non-motorized trail systems are needed for tourism and to preserve our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, KORC has demonstrated its contributions to Keweenaw County by working as a local alliance and with the DNR in improving public access and outdoor recreation by supporting and developing resources that help and protect our citizens, visitors, and environment; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Keweenaw County Road Commission strongly supports KORC in its mission to serve the recreation and conservation users of the lands in Keweenaw County by raising funds, securing grants, and working with partners to accomplish outdoor recreation and conservation projects.