

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

October 14, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on October 14, 2010.

Present: Commissioners Bjorn, McEvers and Muljo

Guest: Randy Eckloff, Sean Goman

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

The minutes of the September 9, 2010 regular meeting and the September 27, 2010 special meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner McEvers and support from Muljo Commissioner.

Vouchers #28227, #28228 and Master Vendor Voucher #11-2010 in the total amount of \$189,530.08 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner McEvers moved to pay the bills. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

The financial statement was read, discussed and approved on a motion by Commissioner McEvers and support from Commissioner Muljo.

Mr. Goman presented a summary of the findings from the industrial archaeological investigation at the Cliff Mine Site completed this summer.

The Engineer informed the Board that the USDA Rural Development grant application for a tandem dump truck and crew cab pickup have been denied due to the lack of funds in the program. A loan program was offered in its place and funds may be available in 6 months. The Board discussed the issue and determined that despite the loss of the grant funds, the need for the trucks remains. Commissioner McEvers motioned to advertise for bids for the purchase of a tandem dump truck and crew cab pickup, the same vehicles as in the grant applications, to be opened at the November meeting with the method of payment and financing options to be determined upon awarding the bids and receiving the equipment. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board that the Eagle Harbor water project was nearing completion and the street paving should be completed within the next few days.

The Engineer informed the Board that a request was received from the Copper Harbor Improvement Association to construct a parking lot on the parcel owned by the Road Commission at the southwest corner of US41 and M26. The Board would like to review a conceptual design and site plan and determine the level of support for the project from Grant Township and the community. Some of the concerns include the safety issues near the intersection which must be addressed by MDOT. This would be done through the MDOT right of way use permit process.

The Engineer informed the Board that the next Great Lakes Council meeting is scheduled for November 4 at 9:30 a.m. in Baraga. Plans were made to attend.

The Board and the Engineer discussed the planned 2011 Eagle Harbor Road paving project, completing the last 2 miles into Eagle Harbor. The Engineer informed the Board that there wasn't enough state, federal and local funds to cover the cost of the project, however, the program application has been completed. The lack of funding is directly related to the reduction in revenues from the federal and state levels and shows the need for a gas tax increase at both levels in order to continue road improvement projects. Commissioner McEvers motioned to authorize the Chairman and Engineer to sign the program application but not submit the application until funding is available or there is a reduction in scope of the project to fit the available funding. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Eric Bjorn, Chairman

Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer