

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

June 9, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on June 9, 2011.

Present: Commissioners McEvers, Muljo and Waananen

Guest: Don Piche, Nick Popko

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M

The minutes of the May 12, 2011 regular meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Muljo and support from Commissioner Waananen.

Vouchers #28243, #28244 and Master Vendor Voucher #9-2011 in the total amount of \$163,112.99 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Muljo moved to pay the bills. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried.

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

Greensand, Inc. requested a 60 day time extension for the annual minimum payment of \$3,000, with a \$300 penalty to be paid after the 60 day period is over, in order to set up a screening plant and get some product to potential buyers for pilot projects. Commissioner Muljo motioned to allow the 60 day time extension with the \$300 penalty fee. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer presented the Board with the 2012 Eagle Harbor Road paving project proposal. If submitted by the July 2011, the project can be bid under the existing specifications rather than the new specifications going into affect this summer. The proposal was developed using the existing specifications. Commissioner Waananen motioned to approve the proposal and authorize the Chairman to sign the document, and submit to MDOT for processing and bidding. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Engineering Reimbursement form provided by MDOT. Commissioner Muljo moved to authorize the Chairman and Board Members to sign and submit the form. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board that the finance agreement obtained through Navistar Financial for the purchase of the new tandem dump truck was available for review and approval. Commissioner Waananen motioned to approve the financial agreement and authorize the Finance Director to sign the document. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board that estimates have been completed on this year's centerline painting and crack sealing programs. The Board decided that the 23 miles scheduled for centerline painting this year will not be completed due to funding issues. The Board discussed the crack sealing program and determined it will continue as planned with our own crack sealing unit, which will aid in pavement preservation.

The Engineer informed the Board that the MDOT non winter maintenance budget may be increased by approximately \$100,000 to \$140,000 to complete previously postponed critical maintenance items on M-26 and US-41. This is due solely to the light winter enjoyed throughout the U.P this past year and the actual amounts, if any, will be available by the end of June.

The Engineer presented the Board with information regarding chip seal repairs to segments of county primary roads in poor condition. The cost range is expected to be between \$17,000 and \$22,000. The Board agreed to proceed with the chip seal repair program.

The Engineer presented the Board with a survey equipment spreadsheet prepared by the Assistant Engineer comparing various models of survey instruments and required accessories. Upon review, Commissioner Waananen motioned to authorize the purchase of a total station and data collector for \$6,800, with references checked. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the cost to complete roadway abandonment's. Commissioner Waananen motioned to set the fee for abandonment's at \$600.00, to be paid by the requesting party. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board that most of the signs for work zones and hazardous road conditions are no longer usable due to crash testing retro reflectivity requirements. An inventory of what is needed has been completed and bids obtained for acceptable replacement signs, with the accepted bid of \$5,500.00, which must be approved by MDOT. As part of our maintenance contract, MDOT will pay 50% of the total cost.

The Board discussed the addition of homemade, private rustic signs to Road Commission made sign setups. The issue is the matching of fonts, style of sign and additional weight on setups and cross arms. The Board directed the Engineer to develop a policy for review at a future meeting to address sign standardization, removal of unauthorized private signs, grandfather clause for existing messages/information displayed, all signs to be built by the Road Commission only, fees for building signs and long term maintenance of private signs.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.