

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

November 10, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on November 10, 2011.

Present: Commissioners McEvers, Muljo and Waananen

Guest: Don Piche

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

The minutes of the October 13, 2011 regular meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Waananen and support from Commissioner Muljo.

Vouchers #28253, #28254 and Master Vendor Vouchers #18-2011, in the total amount of \$178,765.05 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Waananen 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 Waananen and support from Commissioner Muljo.

The Engineer presented the Board with the MDOT Contracts for the Brockway Mountain Drive National Scenic Byway Grant project. Commissioner Muljo motioned to adopt a resolution to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried. A copy of the resolution will be made a part of these minutes.

The Engineer informed the Board that the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract with MDOT has a 5% increase in winter maintenance but a 7% reduction for non-winter maintenance for 2011-2012 from the previous year. Typically, this will be adjusted after the winter maintenance season is over and revised according to remaining funds statewide.

The Engineer presented the Board with a survey from CRAM regarding the hiring of a staff engineer in the Lansing office. The Board reviewed and discussed the matter. Commissioner Waananen motioned to respond to the survey in favor of a staff engineer. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board that the 2012 rates for health insurance increased 4.6% over 2011 rates.

The Engineer informed the Board of the Association of Southern Michigan Road Commissions' annual meeting scheduled for December 5 – 7 in Frankenmuth.

The Engineer and the Board discussed the winter maintenance policy and routes for 2011/2012. Segments of Phoenix Farms Road, Kezele Road and Cliff Drive will not be plowed this year in order to reduce winter maintenance costs. West Ballman Street in Fulton will not be plowed as well, similar to the previous winters.

The Engineer and Board discussed the proposed cell phone towers located in Grant Township and the enhancement they would provide to Road Commission communications in the outlying areas in times of emergency and as backup system to our radio system. Commissioner Waananen motioned to send a letter of support for the cell phone towers. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried with Commissioner McEvers voting no.

The Board discussed Governor Snyder's Special Message on Transportation and the subsequent bills that were introduced into the legislature, namely House Bills 5125 and 5126 and potential funding cuts to rural counties. County Commissioner Piche would make a motion to adopt a resolution supporting road commissions and the current funding formula at their next meeting.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Mark McEvers, Chairman

Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer