

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

March 14, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on March 14, 2013.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Jaaskelainen & Karvonen

Guest: Don Piche & Jacob Garrow

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

The minutes of the February 14, 2013 regular meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Jaaskelainen and support from Commissioner Karvonen.

Vouchers #28285, #28286 and Master Vendor Vouchers #5-2013 in the total amount of \$144,524.73 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Karvonen moved to pay the bills. Commissioner Jaaskelainen supported the motion. The motion carried

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

The issues discussed at the CRAM Annual Meeting held in Lansing last week were presented by Commissioner Waananen and the Engineer. They included the positions of the legislature and governor on the introduction of bills addressing transportation funding and the recognition that an increase in funding for Michigan's failing road and bridge system is long overdue and badly needed.

The Engineer presented the Board with the Keweenaw County Transportation Improvement Plan for 2013 – 2017 as adopted by Rural Task 13A at its meeting held on February 27th.

The Engineer presented to the Board the annual vehicle and equipment reports along with the equipment needs list. The reports and needs list were reviewed and discussed. KCRC's membership in the MI Deal program allows the direct purchase of vehicles, bid out annually statewide, at a substantially lower price when compared to other means of acquiring vehicles due to large volume sales. Commissioner Jaaskelainen motioned to assign the Engineer's vehicle to the Foreman, the Foreman's vehicle to the fleet and purchase a new SUV for the Engineer through our membership in MI Deal program. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer presented the Board with the SEMCO Energy Gas Company inquiry regarding a natural gas connection to our facility for heating purposes. The preliminary estimates indicate a savings of \$28,000 per year over fuel oil. The estimated payback is between 18 and 24 months, depending on the cost of new the new heating units and installation. On a motion by Commissioner Jaaskelainen supported by Commissioner Karvonen the Board decided to connect to the natural gas system if installed in Mohawk.

The Board discussed the Road Commissioners' Seminar in Traverse City, April 14th – 16th.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:14 P.M.

Joseph Waananen, Chairman

Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer