

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

October 8, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on October 8, 2009.

Present: Commissioners Bjorn, McEvers and Muljo

Guest: Randy Eckloff, Ed Kisiel

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

The minutes of the September 10, 2009 regular meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner McEvers and support from Commissioner Muljo.

Vouchers #28202, #28203 and Master Vendor Voucher #11-2009 in the total amount of \$154,685.58 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.

The Board reviewed the Superior National Bank Signature Authorization Resolution. Commissioner Muljo motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the resolution allowing the Engineer and Director of Finance to sign and have access to the Health Reimbursement Account information. Commissioner McEvers supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board of MDOT's ability to provide \$30,000 to the purchase of Mr. William Clark's property at Great Sand Bay for the proposed Stabilization and Improvement Project. MDOT currently has approximately \$450,000 in enhancement funds set aside for design and construction and would like to see local area government units provide the remaining \$30,000 for the purchase of the property. The Board discussed the matter with Mr. Eckloff of the County Board and Mr. Kisiel of Eagle Harbor Township. Both indicated their Boards would likely consider and approve joining in on the purchase. Commissioner McEvers motioned to provide \$10,000 towards the property purchase. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer presented the Board the cover sheet for the 2010 Eagle Harbor Road paving project. Upon review, the Board members signed the document for submittal to MDOT for final project approval. The proposal should be ready for MDOT's December letting.

The Engineer informed the Board that the next Great Lakes Council meeting is scheduled for November 5 at 9:30 a.m. in Baraga. Plans were made to attend.

The Engineer received a phone call from Mr. Terry Cauvin of Eliza Loop Road. They will be moving into their new home over the next month and per the Road Commission's agreement with Lake Superior Land Company in April 2003, the Road Commission would adopt Eliza Loop as a local county road once a full time residence has been established. The road was designed and built to the Road Commission's standards for new road construction in plat developments. Inspections completed during the time of construction confirmed this. Upon receipt of the formal request by the land company later this month, the Board will plan on formally accepting the road at the November meeting.

The Department of Corrections has submitted a contract to KCRC for the use of a public works prison crew. The Board discussed the matter and Commissioner McEvers motioned to authorize the Engineer to sign the contract with the Department of Corrections for the use of a public works prison crew on an as needed basis. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the numerous snowmobile trails that have to be diverted to run alongside county roads and within the right-of-way. These situations have come up all over the county. Prior to giving any approval to the MDNR and Keweenaw Trail Services, the Board would prefer to see the County Board take action on an ordinance that would allow snowmobiles to use the right-of-way similar to Houghton County. Commissioner Muljo motioned to adopt a resolution supporting an amendment to the County ORV ordinance to include snowmobiles and to be presented to the County Board. Commissioner McEvers supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed the applications and resumes for the 4 Seasonal, Temporary Truck Driver positions as advertised in the Daily Mining Gazette on September 18th. After much discussion and evaluation, Commissioner McEvers motioned to hire Mike McMahon and Kevin Laurie based on their qualifications and experience; and to interview George Sever, Josh Teddy, Aaron Kytta and Tracy Hall for the two remaining positions. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried. The interviews were scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2009, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Eric Bjorn, Chairman

Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer