

## KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

November 12, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on November 12, 2014.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Jaaskelainen & Karvonen

Guest: Don Piche, Ken Rowe, E.J. Tervo, Ray Chase

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

The minutes of the October 9, 2014 regular meeting and the October 29<sup>th</sup> special meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Jaaskelainen and support from Commissioner Karvonen.

Vouchers #28325, #28326 and Master Vendor Vouchers #23-2014 & 24-2014 in the total amount of \$197,319.67 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Jaaskelainen moved to pay the bills. Commissioner Karvonen 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 Engineer informed the Board that the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract 2015 budget with MDOT is \$748,000, a \$31,000 increase over last year. The non-winter maintenance amount will be adjusted after the winter maintenance season is over and revised according to remaining funds statewide. A critical maintenance projects list has been submitted for MDOT's review and selection for additional work outside of the maintenance contract next summer.

The Engineer informed the Board on recent legislative and transportation funding issues discussed at the Great Lakes Council meeting last week.

The Engineer and the Board discussed the winter maintenance policy and routes for 2014/2015. Segments of Phoenix Farms Road, Tulkku's Farm Road, Kezele Road and Cliff Drive will not be plowed this year in order to reduce winter maintenance costs. Old Joe's Road in Ahmeek Location and West Ballman Street in Fulton will not be plowed as well, similar to the previous winters.

The Engineer informed the Board that the Employee's Association approved the Board's offer at their last meeting. The Board reviewed and discussed the management employees, and on a motion by Commissioner Jaaskelainen with support from Commissioner Karvonen, the Board offered a cost of living adjustment of 1.7% to the Engineer/Manager and will consider an adjustment in the future for the additional work related to the vacant assistant engineer/surveyor's duties absorbed by the Engineer/Manager. The Board offered the Finance Director an 8.85% raise to an annual salary of \$54,051, just below the U.P. average for the position. The Board agreed upon a \$45.00/hour rate with E.J. Tervo to act as an on-call, part time surveyor, while using KCRC equipment and covered by KCRC liability and workers compensation insurance. The motion carried.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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Joseph Waananen, Chairman

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Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer