

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

May 13, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on May 13, 2015.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Karvonen & Schaefer

Guest: Ken Rowe, Don Piche, Greg Kingstrom

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M

The minutes of the April 8, 2015 regular meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Schaefer and support from Commissioner Karvonen.

Vouchers #28335, #283336 and Master Vendor Vouchers #7-2015 & 8-2015 in the total amount of \$216,967.57 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Karvonen moved to pay the bills. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

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

Ken Rowe, Road Commission Director of Finance, presented the final 2014 Act 51 annual report to the Board and provided a summary of the contents.

The Board discussed the MDOT Engineering Reimbursement program. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to approve the reimbursement application and authorize the Board members to sign the form for submittal to MDOT. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer presented the 2014-2015 winter maintenance costs to the Board. The total winter maintenance cost was \$695,615 with costs to complete winter maintenance down \$164,541 over last year. This can be attributed to a decrease in normal and overtime hours needed for winter maintenance this year due to receiving 68 inches less snow than last year. The season total for this year was 272". The Board directed the Engineer to continue evaluating all winter maintenance options again for next year.

The Board discussed storm water drainage in Allouez and the need for some culvert cleaning and possible replacement and reestablishing roadside ditches. Also discussed was the need for Allouez Township to provide ditch clean out in the drainage easements. The Engineer would discuss with the Township Supervisor.

The Engineer informed the Board that several segments of roadway on Bete de Grise Road, Gay-Lac La Belle Road, Cliff Drive and Brockway Mountain Drive were in need of repair. Crush and shape with a double chip seal is the most affordable method of achieving a smooth surface that will last around 5 years. The Board discussed the repairs and allocated up to \$100,000 in material costs for the repairs.

In a related matter, the Engineer informed the Board a used 1,800 gallon bituminous distributor on a tandem truck was for sale in Montcalm County for \$15,000. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to authorize the inspection of the bituminous distributor and vehicle and an offer of up to \$15,000 if deemed acceptable following the inspection. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board the MDOT maintenance contract still had \$195,000 remaining for summer maintenance and an additional \$140,000 may be available for specific critical maintenance projects.

The Engineer informed the Board the summer paving project on the Mohawk-Gay Road will be inspected by a combination of KCRC's part time technician/surveyor E.J. Tervo and U.P.E.A. staff, with their services and testing not to exceed \$17,000. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to authorize the Engineer to sign the contract with U.P.E.A. and Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

The U.P. Road Builder's summer meeting will be June 10-11, in Sault Ste. Marie. Plans were made to attend. Due to a conflict with the UPRBA summer meeting, it was pointed out that the June meeting was moved to Monday, June 15th, at 6:00 p.m.

The MCRCSIP annual meeting is scheduled for July 22-23 in Mt. Pleasant. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to name the Engineer as the designated voter and the Chairman as the alternate. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried. Plans for attending were discussed.

The current level of manpower was discussed by the Board. The Board directed Engineer to place an advertisement for a temporary/seasonal truck driver. Also, 6 summer laborers would be hired.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Joseph Waananen, Chairman

Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer