

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

June 15, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on June 15, 2015.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Karvonen & Schaefer

Guest: Don Piche

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

The minutes of the May 13, 2015 regular meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Karvonen and support from Commissioner Schaefer.

Vouchers #28338, #28339 and Master Vendor Vouchers #11-2015 & 12-2015 in the total amount of \$157,348.74 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.

The Board discussed the abandonment of Shop and Fourth Streets adjacent to and within the Road Commission property in Mohawk for security purposes. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to adopt a resolution of abandonment for Shop Street, between 3rd and 4th Streets and the southerly portion of 4th Street. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The development and purchase of a new county road map was discussed. The County Equalization Department initiated the process with GIS Cartography and Publishing Services. The onetime cost of \$3,814 for the map development will come from the County 911 fund since the map will be based on the existing 911 map template and will include an address grid that will be useful to law enforcement, fire departments, ambulance, etc. The Engineer, Sheriff and Equalization Department have worked with GIS Cartography and Publishing Services who will present a sample for review in the next few weeks pending approval from the Road Commission and County Boards. The Board discussed selling the maps and having the sale price of \$1.00 printed on the map. The Board also asked Commissioner Piche if the County Board would be interested in splitting the cost for the initial order of 3,000 maps at a cost of \$0.93/map. Comm. Piche said the County Board would most likely participate and would bring the matter to the County Board's attention at the next meeting. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to spend up to \$1,500 to split the costs for the purchase of 3,000 maps with the County Board, upon review and approval of the sample map, and to sell the maps for \$1.00 each. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the vacancy created by Kevin Laurie's unexpected departure. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to promote D.J. Kaura, the employee with the most seniority from the temporary/seasonal laborer and truck driver pool, to the full time position. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. Commissioner Karvonen abstained. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the filling the 2 vacant temporary/seasonal laborer and truck driver positions. The applications were reviewed and discussed. The Board decided to rank and select, by roll call vote, 4 applicants for the Engineer to contact in order and take the first 2 applicants that accept the job offer. The applicants were ranked 1-Issac Bjorn, 2-Mark Myers, 3-William Parkin, and 4-Marc Klein based on the following motions and roll call votes below:

Commissioner Schaefer motioned to nominate Bjorn as the 1st ranked applicant. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Karvonen motioned to nominate Myers as the 2nd ranked applicant. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Schaefer motioned to nominate Parkin as the 3rd ranked applicant. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Karvonen motioned to nominate Klein as the 4th ranked applicant. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioners' Roll Call Votes on Applicants

Applicant	1-Bjorn	2-Myers	3-Parkin	4-Klein
Waananen	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Karvonen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Schaeffer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

The Engineer informed the Board that MDOT has reviewed the Category A grant application for No. 6 Road. The application scores very high if No. 6 Road is designated a truck route and truck use through 1st Street in Ahmeek Location is prohibited and very low if not. MDOT would like to see the commercial truck traffic generated by Neuvokas Corp. remain on the roadway improved with grant funds all year rather than just during spring weight restrictions and to keep it away from the residential area of Ahmeek Location. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to adopt a resolution designating No. 6 Road as a truck route and to prohibit through truck traffic on 1st Street in Ahmeek Location, from US-41 to Kingston Mine Road, if the No. 6 Road improvements are funded through a Michigan Department of Transportation Category A grant. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried. The resolution will be made a part of these minutes.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.