

## KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

September 9, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on September 9, 2015.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Karvonen & Schaefer

Guest: Ken Rowe, Robert Crampton

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

The minutes of the August 12, 2015 regular meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Karvonen and support from Commissioner Schaefer.

Vouchers #28344, #28345 and Master Vendor Vouchers #17-2015 & 18-2015 in the total amount of \$209,837.23 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 Schaefer and support from Commissioner Karvonen.

Mr. Crampton presented the Hebard Assessor's Plat, located in Eagle Harbor Township, for the Board to review and approve. Upon completion of the discussion and review, Commissioner Karvonen motioned that the plat be approved and to authorize the Chairman to sign the plat. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer presented the appraisal completed by Michael Jukuri of Century 21 North Country Agency for the Central Property. The appraised value of the 130 acre property is \$92,000 as a whole, and \$105,000 if sold as four separate parcels. The Board will make a decision at a later date as to what to do with the property.

The Engineer and Finance Director met with the health insurance representative, Fred Gaff, who is now a part of 44 North, our new insurance agent, to discuss options for health insurance for the upcoming employee negotiations. The cost of the 2016 health insurance plan from current provider, Consumers Mutual, has increased 1.01% and will be compared to other providers, specifically Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and will be reported back to the Board at the October meeting. The Employees' Association would like the Board to present them an offer at the October meeting as well. The Board directed the Engineer and Finance Director to evaluate the wages and health insurance and present them with an offer to review and approve prior to presenting to the Employees' Association.

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The Engineer presented the Board with an aggregate bid specification and proposal for review and approval. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to accept bids at the October meeting using the specifications and bid sheet provided. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board that some of the large county drainage structures have been inspected and plans were being developed to repair and maintain the existing structures rather than replace them. The repairs will cost below \$10,000 for each structure whereas replacement would cost \$200,000 to \$500,000 each. The remaining large structures will be inspected later this fall or next year.

The Board discussed ongoing equipment needs and authorized the Engineer to look for used roadside boom mower/brush cutter in the \$60,000 price range. A tractor with a lowboy trailer and gravel train is also to be evaluated.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

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Joseph Waananen, Chairman

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Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer