

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

November 10, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on November 10, 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 October 14, 2015 regular meeting and the October 27, 2015 special meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Karvonen and support from Commissioner Schaefer.

Vouchers #28348, #28349 and Master Vendor Vouchers #21-2015 & 22-2015 in the total amount of \$280,389.47 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 Engineer informed the Board that the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract 2016 budget with MDOT is \$778,000, a \$30,000 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 presented to the Board the draft Keweenaw County Local Task Force Transportation Improvement Plan for 2016 - 2020 for federal and state aid. The public meeting for formal adoption of the plan will be December 8th at 7:00 p.m. The draft 5 year countywide millage transportation plan will be completed within the next month as Townships finalize their project lists.

The Engineer informed the Board on recent legislative and transportation funding issues discussed at the Great Lakes Council meeting last week, including the funding bill passed by the legislature and signed by Governor Snyder today. Also discussed were the Public Service Announcements (PSA's) on TV6 for 2016 winter maintenance safety aimed at the motoring public. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to continue being involved with the PSA's for an annual fee not to exceed \$1,300. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer and the Board discussed the winter maintenance on specific routes for 2015/2016. Segments of Phoenix Farms Road, Tukku's Farm 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 final language change in the last offer at their last meeting. The Chairman signed the agreement. Health insurance issues were also discussed with Consumer's Mutual potentially winding down service in the future. Updates and options are being explored by our insurance representative 44 North and they will report their findings to the Road Commission as soon as they have some information. Negotiations with management employees will take place when the health insurance information is received.

Commissioner Schaefer motioned to enter into a closed session for an employee evaluation. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried. Closed session began at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to exit the closed session at 7:45 p.m. with support from Commissioner Karvonen. The motion carried.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Joseph Waananen, Chairman

Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer