

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

September 13, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on September 13, 2016.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Karvonen & Schaefer

Guest: Mark Ahlborn

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

The minutes of the August 9, 2016 regular meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Karvonen and support from Commissioner Schaefer.

Vouchers #28369, #28370 and Master Vendor Vouchers #20-2016 & #21-2016 in the total amount of \$346,545.73 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.

Mr. Ahlborn discussed the planning document being developed by the Keweenaw County Planning Commission, Keweenaw County – Blueprint for Tomorrow. Mr. Ahlborn asked if Road Commission kept an inventory of non county roads that could be added to the plan that could potentially be publically owned by the MDNR Trails Division. The Engineer informed Mr. Ahlborn that there was no inventory but suggested some roads for his consideration.

The Engineer informed the Board on the ongoing negotiations with MDOT for the next maintenance contract. A contract extension needs to be signed until the new 5 year contract is ready for review and approval in the next few months. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to adopt a resolution authorizing the Engineer to sign the contract extension submitted by MDOT. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer updated the Board on the Gay-Lac La Belle Road shoreline erosion issue. A USACE/MDEQ permit should be approved within the next few weeks allowing KCRC to complete shoreline protection armoring in the areas with the most advanced erosion issues. Relocating the existing road inland would be difficult due to the coastal wetlands and the need to create or preserve them at a 10:1 ratio.

The Engineer informed the Board that some of the large county drainage structures have been inspected with MDEQ for possible replacement with grant funding. At this time, only the East Branch of the Eagle River crossing on the Gratiot Lake Road in Central appears to qualify. The other large drainage structures will be repaired using conventional methods.

The Engineer and Board discussed the two position vacancies. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to place an advertisement in the Daily Mining Gazette seeking applications for the two positions, a temporary, seasonal laborer/truck driver and a winter only laborer/truck driver. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Joseph Waananen, Chairman

Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer