

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

January 10, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on January 10, 2017.

Present: Commissioners Karvonen, Schaefer & Waananen

Guest: Don Piche, Ken Rowe, Dave Kaura, Jim Chopp, Jim Billings, Cody Carlson, Bill Hyrkas

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

The minutes of the December 13, 2016 regular meeting were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Schaefer and support from Commissioner Waananen.

Vouchers #28377, #28378 and Master Vendor Vouchers #1-2017 & #2-2017 in the total amount of \$214,262.23 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Waananen 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 Waananen.

This was the organizational meeting of the Board. Commissioner Waananen made the motion that the Engineer take charge of the meeting. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried. The Engineer asked for nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Waananen moved to appoint Commissioner Karvonen as Chairman and Commissioner Schaefer as the Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried. The meeting was turned over to the Chairman.

Mr. Billings addressed the Board on potential funding for roadway improvements to Brockway Mountain Drive, such as grants and fundraisers. These could include local governments and associations, the Michigan Nature Association, the National Audubon Society and any other groups with land holdings and a vested interest in an improved roadway. The Board would consider any and all offers of grants to assist in the rehabilitation/reconstruction of Brockway Mountain Drive.

Mr. Hyrkas addressed the Board on a snowplowing issue on No. 6 Road. The matter was addressed 3 weeks earlier by the Foreman and will continue to be monitored both by the Road Commission and Mr. Hyrkas.

Commissioner Waananen moved to adopt a Resolution authorizing the transfer of up to 30% of the Primary Fund to the Local Fund to made in accordance with section 12 (9) of Act 51, P.A. of 1951, as amended. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

Act 51 Road Certification was discussed. Commissioner Schaefer moved to approve the certified mileage and to authorize the Chairman to sign the certification. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Forest Road Projects were discussed by the Board. Commissioner Waananen moved to approve the Gratiot River Road, Five Mile Point Road, No. 6 Road (Ahmeek Street), Brockway Mountain Drive, Cliff Drive and Tamarack Waterworks Road as Forest Road Projects for 2017. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the Weighmaster Program for 2017. The Board agreed to join Houghton County for the same program as in previous years.

The Engineer reminded the Board of the upcoming UPRBA and CRA meetings. Plans were made to attend.

The Engineer and Finance Director requested a closed session to discuss 2017 salaries per MCL 15.268, Sec. 8, part (c). Commissioner Waananen motioned at 3:25 p.m. to enter into closed session with support from Commissioner Schaefer. The motion carried. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to exit the closed session at 3:48 p.m. with support from Commissioner Waananen. The motion carried. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to give the Engineer and Finance Director a 2% salary increase retroactive to Nov. 1 to coincide with Employees' Association. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:44 P.M.

John Karvonen, Chairman

Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer