

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

October 9, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on September 10, 2018.

Present: Commissioners Karvonen, Schaefer & Waananen

Guests: Don Piche

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

The minutes of the September 10, 2018 regular meeting were read and approved by a motion by Commissioner Waananen and supported by Commissioner Schaefer. The motion carried.

Vouchers # 28420 and #28421 and Master Vouchers # 20-2018, #21-2018 in the total amount of \$248,700.11 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to pay the bills as presented. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The financial statement was read, discussed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Schaefer and supported by Commissioner Waananen. The motion carried.

Old Business:

The Engineer informed the Board that the mineral rights needed to be purchased for \$4,500 for the 80-acre wetland parcel recently purchased through the Michigan Wetland Board grant. This will also be reimbursed through the original grant.

New Business:

The Board reviewed and discussed a petition for right of way abandonment on an undeveloped segment of Cedar Street in Eagle Harbor. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Waananen motioned to adopt a resolution of abandonment for that portion of Cedar Street. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried. The resolution will be made a part of these minutes.

The Engineer informed the Board of the upcoming aggregate needs for 2019 and 2020. It was determined the best location for the 22A aggregate would be in Central, given the majority of the work will be in the Lac La Belle area. Commissioner Waananen motioned to seek bids for

crushing 8,000 tons of 22A aggregate at the Central Pit, due at the November meeting. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Board discussed Senate Bill 396, introduced by our Senator Tom Casperson, which would allow exemptions to the logging industry during spring weight restrictions. Commissioner Waananen motioned to adopt a resolution strongly opposing SB 396. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried. The engineer indicated that he has forwarded the resolution to the Townships and County Board for their consideration and adoption.

The Engineer and Board discussed the proposed 2019 county primary and county millage paving projects, along with the various funding sources that will be used. The proposed primary road paving projects include portions of the Lac La Belle Road, Gay-Lac La Belle Road and Bete de Gris Road. The 5-year county millage plan was discussed and projects will be selected soon at the next millage committee meeting, most likely the Gratiot Lake Access Drive and another street or two. A revised 5-year plan will be developed and ready for the next Board meeting.

The Engineer informed the Board that the next Great Lakes Council meeting is scheduled for November 1 at 9:30 am in Baraga. Plans were made to attend.

The preliminary rates for health insurance have not been received by the Toad Commission, although it was indicated that we could receive them within the next week. Negotiations with the Employees' Association will begin once the rates have been received. The Engineer and Finance Director will keep the Board and Employees' Association informed on the matter.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm.

John Karvonen, Chairman

Gregg Patrick, Engineer