

# KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

April 14, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held April 14, 2020, via speaker phone conference call per the Executive Orders regarding social distancing during the coronavirus pandemic and the modified Open Meetings Act. The Board members were emailed all necessary documents for the meeting. The building was open to the public; however, no guests were present, and strict social distancing would have been enforced.

Present via Conference Call: Commissioners Waananen, Schaefer & Olson

Guests: Ken Rowe

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

The minutes of the March 5, 2020 regular meeting were read and approved by a motion by Commissioner Olson and supported by Commissioner Schaefer. The motion carried on a roll call vote of Ayes- Waananen, Schaefer, Olson; Nays – None.

Vouchers # 28457 and # 28458 and Master Vouchers # 7-2020, # 8-2020 in the total amount of \$244,657.44 were audited by the Commissioners. Commissioner Olson motioned to pay the bills as presented. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of Ayes – Waananen, Schaefer, Olson; Nays - None.

Commissioner Olson motioned to accept the financial statement as presented. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried on a roll call vote of Ayes – Waananen, Schaefer, Olson; Nays - None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

The Board, on a motion made by Commissioner Olson and Supported by Commissioner Schaefer, temporarily authorized the Engineer and Finance Director to sign any documents following the review and approval of the Board during the Executive Orders requiring social distancing during the coronavirus pandemic. On a roll call vote, Ayes – Waananen, Schaefer, Olson; Nays - None.

The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Olson and Supported by Commissioner Schaefer, authorized the Chairman to sign the Act 51 Annual Report upon completion. The roll call vote is as follows: Ayes - Waananen, Schaefer, Olson; Nays – None

The Great Lakes Council meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, in Baraga. The decision to have the meeting will be made in the next week or two by the Great Lakes Council President and the County Road Association.

The potential reduction in Michigan Transportation Funds (MTF) was discussed. The CRA and MDOT are currently projecting a 22% drop for March and a 40% drop for April due to the

coronavirus pandemic. Potential cost saving measures will be discussed at the May meeting.

The Engineer informed the Board that Graco, manufacturers of the RoadLazer RoadPak line painting machine, were deemed critical and essential workers and are still able to make units for demonstrations and purchase as long as they can get parts and supplies. The Board will determine future discretionary spending at future meetings based on the actual and projected MTF levels

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm

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Joe Waananen, Chairman

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Gregg Patrick, Engineer