

## **KCRC Board of Road Commissioners and**

### **Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners Special Joint Meeting Minutes**

**February 27, 2025**

Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m.

Present: Olson, Bracco

Absent: Karvonen

Keweenaw County Board of Commissioners Present: Randy Eckloff, Mike LaMotte, Del Rajala and Don Piche.

Absent: Bob DeMarois.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commissioner Piche and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The joint special meeting was posted on the door of the Courthouse and on the Website.

Motion by Rajala supported by LaMotte and unanimously carried to approve the agenda as submitted.

Time was allowed for public comment.

This joint special meeting was called to hear the updates and progress that's been made regarding the Keweenaw County Emergency and Essential Operations Center. A great presentation was made by Sheriff Curt Pennala, Road Commission Engineer/Manager Greg Kingstrom, Julia Petersen from TNC, Robin Meneguzzo from the Keweenaw Community Foundation, Chris VanArsdale as Emergency Services Coordinator and Lou Meyette, OHM Advisors Senior Project Manager.

The building is a part of an effort to improve emergency services within the county. Mohawk would be a central location, and this is a collaboration of the Road Commission and Keweenaw Search and Rescue. The proposed building would have three components that include a central Emergency Operations Center consisting of offices, support spaces, training space and emergency coordination facilities, a garage wing for Search and Rescue and a garage wing for Road Commission maintenance and storage. The Road Commission offices would be in the building and there would be some modular offices that could be leased out for county support operations.

The group went through the background of what got them to this point and then discussed where to go from here. There are many funding possibilities being sought or being looked at. The group is going to seek appropriations from the State that is due by March

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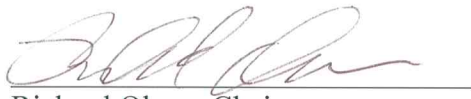
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17th. The Road Commission will have its' regular meeting on March 10th and will discuss this and consider approval to move forward and the Board of Commissioners will hold a special meeting on March 10th to consider approval of other funding mechanisms and opportunities.

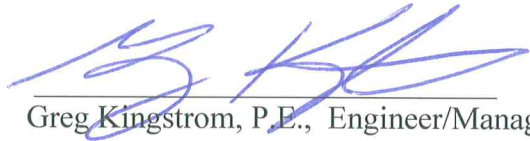
Motion by Rajala supported by Eckloff and unanimously carried to move forward with the project.

Time was allowed for public comment.

There being no further business motion by Eckloff to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Meeting adjourned sine die.



Richard Olson, Chairman



Greg Kingstrom, P.E., Engineer/Manager