

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minute

November 11, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on November 11, 2010.

Present: Commissioners Bjorn, McEvers and Muljo

Guest: Randy Eckloff, Charles Paoli

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 P.M.

The minutes of the October 14, 2010 regular meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner McEvers and support from Commissioner Muljo.

Vouchers #28229, #28230 and Master Vendor Voucher #12-2010 in the total amount of \$142,150.75 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner McEvers moved to pay the bills. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

The financial statement was read, discussed and approved on a motion by Commissioner McEvers and support from Commissioner Muljo.

The Board accepted bids for a ¾ ton 4WD Crew Cab pickup truck. Parkway Chevrolet, Northern Auto and Copper Country Ford submitted bids. All bids were received on time, in the proper format and all met the minimum specifications. The bids were as follows: Parkway Chevrolet \$26,400.00; Northern Auto \$25,700.00; and Copper Country Ford \$25,900.00. Commissioner McEvers motioned to award the bid to Northern Auto. The motion failed due to lack of support. Commissioner Muljo motioned to award the bid to Copper Country Ford. Commissioner McEvers supported the motion. Chairman Bjorn asked for a roll call vote: Commissioner Muljo aye; Commissioner McEvers nay; Chairman Bjorn aye. The motion carried. Copper Country Ford would be notified of the bid award.

The Board accepted bids for a tandem axle dump truck with a plow, patrol wing and underbody scraper. Schultz Equipment of Iron Mountain was the only bidder on the truck with a price of \$156,498.00. Commissioner McEvers motioned to award the bid to Schultz Equipment, with purchase options such as partial payment and financing to be determined at the time of delivery. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board that the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract with MDOT has a budget reduction of 3.5% for 2010-2011 from the previous year. Typically, this will be adjusted after the winter maintenance season is over with reductions coming in the summer program.

The Engineer informed the Board that Verizon is interested in erecting a wireless communications tower on KCRC property located in Central. The Board directed the Engineer to continue to meet with Verizon to determine a suitable location with respect to potential future sale of the property to Houghton Township, with Keweenaw Historical Society involvement.

The Engineer informed the Board that the 2011 rates for health insurance were received this week. The Board reviewed the proposal from the Employee's Association. The Board counter offered with a proposal that will be made a part of these minutes.

The Engineer informed the Board that the 2010 bridge inspections were completed by Greg Kingstrom, P.E., of UPEA. The bridges graded out sufficient. The lone major work item involved removing the existing deck surface on the Gratiot River Bridge on Cliff Drive and place a waterproof membrane and new travel surface.

The Engineer informed the Board of the Association of Southern Michigan Road Commissions' annual meeting scheduled for December 6 – 8 in Mt. Pleasant.

The Engineer and the Board discussed the winter maintenance policy and routes for 2010/2011. Phoenix Farms Road, Kezele Road and West Ballman Street in Fulton will not be plowed this year in order to reduce winter maintenance costs. Cliff Drive will be plowed on the north end for two miles to provide access for the homeowner's.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Eric Bjorn, Chairman

Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer