

KEWENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

September 11, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on September 11, 2008.

Present: Commissioners Tuoriniemi and Bjorn

Guests: Byron Muljo

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

The minutes of the August 7, 2008 regular meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Bjorn and support from Commissioner Tuoriniemi.

Vouchers #28175, #28176 and Master Vendor Voucher #10-2008 in the total amount of \$170,993.97 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Bjorn moved to pay the bills. Commissioner Tuoriniemi supported the motion. The motion carried.

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

The Board reviewed the request for an Attorney General's opinion by Donna Jaaskelainen on the Road Commission's ability to sell stamp sand. The opinion has not been made yet and could take several weeks.

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft ORV ordinance for Keweenaw County. The Board directed the Engineer to continue discussions with the Sheriff and Prosecuting Attorney in regard to the definition of the maintained portion of the roadway per 2008 Public Act 240, MCL 324.81131 and other minor items that should be in the ordinance per the Michigan Association of Counties sample ordinance.

The Board discussed the potential of entering into another contract with the Department of Corrections for prison laborers. As a new contract has not yet been received, the Board will take up discussions next month. The Board directed the Engineer to inquire about getting a prison work crew on an on-call/as needed basis.

The Engineer informed the Board about the upcoming Superintendents' Seminar in Thompsonville, October 8 – 10.

The Board reviewed and discussed the one year state trunkline maintenance contract extension with MDOT. Commissioner Bjorn motioned to adopt a resolution authorizing the chairman to sign the contract extension. Commissioner Tuoriniemi supported the motion. The motion carried. A copy of the resolution will be made a part of these minutes.

The Engineer informed the biannual bridge inspection will be completed by U.P. Engineers and Architects in the next few weeks.

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The Engineer reminded the Board that the next Great Lakes Council meeting will be Thursday, September 18 in Baraga. Plans were made to attend.

The Engineer informed the Board that the final arrangements for the Asset Management Workshop for Elected Officials have been completed and it is set for Wednesday, September 24 at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge.

The Engineer informed the Board that Mr. Steve Bromely, the owner of a former year round residence on Cliff Drive, will not be using his place at all this winter. Mr. Bromley has used the place only seasonally for the past several years. The Board determined that given the current financial and road funding issues facing the Road Commission, it would be best not provide winter maintenance on Cliff Drive after December 1, 2008 this year. The approximate savings would be \$18,000.00 to \$20,000.00 for an

average winter. The road will be posted and barricaded.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

JOEL TUORINIEMI, CHAIRMAN

GREGG M. PATRICK, ENGINEER