

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

September 13, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on September 13, 2012.

Present: Commissioners McEvers, Waananen & Jaaskelainen

Guest: Don Piche, Jacob Garrow, Bob & Anne Strykowski, Ken Robarge, Jerome Piquette, Tom Normand, Jim Spehar, Sue Church, Fred Gerhardt

The meeting was called to order at 2:08 P.M

The minutes of the August 9, 2012 regular meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Waananen and support from Commissioner Jaaskelainen.

Vouchers #28273, #28274 and Master Vendor Vouchers #16-2012 and #17-2012, in the total amount of \$202,928.42 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Waananen moved to pay the bills. Commissioner Jaaskelainen supported the motion. The motion carried

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

Ms. Church addressed the Board in regard to supplying a lifesaving ring and rope for Great Sand Bay beach and/or assist in maintaining it along with signs addressing the dangers involved in swimming in Lake Superior. The Engineer informed the Board that MDOT has stated they would not be involved other than issuing a permit to install the device or signs. The Board did not authorize any action or commitment at this time, stating the Road Commission maintains the park for MDOT and it should be a township or private citizen group issue.

The Board discussed and heard comments from residents of Gay on the seeking of permission from the Board or its representatives on entering and cutting trees on the Gay Stamp Sands, which are owned by the Road Commission. The Board determined that no cutting of trees shall take place now or in the future without prior authorization from the Road Commission and a permit process will be developed with our Attorney for any such future requests.

The Board reviewed the bids received for the annual Act 51 audit for fiscal year 2012. Commissioner Jaaskelainen motioned to approve and accept the low bid submitted by Susan Sanford, CPA for \$5,900. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The 4 TWA's are mostly completed for MDOT on US41 and M26. The culvert replacements in the M26 between Camp Road 6 and Jacobs Falls will take place next week. The concrete lining and reinforcement of the Cedar Creek culverts in Eagle Harbor were completed this week. The additional work from MDOT will total around \$115,000 which is in addition to our regular maintenance contract. The additional funding is the result of the light winter last year and the unused maintenance funding from other areas of the state.

The new State Trunkline Maintenance contract between MDOT and the Keweenaw County Road Commission is now available for review and acceptance. The Engineer presented the Board with the CRAM Board and Negotiation Committee recommendations and changes. The Board discussed the matter and Commissioner Jaaskelainen motioned to adopt a resolution to accept the contract with modifications recommended by CRAM and authorize the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to sign the contract. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried. A copy of the resolution will be made a part of these minutes.

The Engineer informed the Board that all of the summer projects for 2012 have been completed with only minor cleanup remaining. The Brockway Mountain Drive National Scenic Byway Grant project, which consisted of the new Copper Harbor Overlook Park, fence and wall rehabilitation, and scenic turnouts, is now complete. WUPPDR and the Copper Country Trail Committee would like to have a dedication ceremony this fall, if possible. The Board preferred a day during the last week of September and selected the name for the roadside park in conjunction with Mr. Clyde Wescoat's request. The park will be named Copper Harbor Overlook Park Honoring C. Harold and Serene D. Wescoat with funding provided by FHWA National Scenic Byways Grant, the Wescoat Family, and the Keweenaw County Road Commission. The Engineer will make the necessary arrangements.

The Engineer presented a 2014 Local Safety Grant Project for the Board to consider. The project involves replacing the guardrail and improving drainage on Gratiot Lake hill on Gratiot Lake Road. Commissioner Waananen motioned to adopt a resolution supporting the project and the application for the 2014 Local Safety Project Grant. Commissioner Jaaskelainen supported the motion. The motion carried. A copy of the resolution will be made a part of these minutes.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55 P.M.

Mark McEvers, Chairman

Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer