

## KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

April 11, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on April 11, 2013.

Present: Commissioners Waananen & Jaaskelainen

Guest: Don Piche, Jacob Garrow, Paul Spagnotti, Beth Spagnotti

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M

The minutes of the March 14, 2013 regular meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Jaaskelainen and support from Commissioner Waananen.

Vouchers #28287, #28288 and Master Vendor Vouchers #6-2013, #7-2013 & #8-2013 in the total amount of \$273,643.14 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 Jaaskelainen and support from Commissioner Waananen.

Mr. and Mrs. Spagnotti requested the Board to review the drainage issue involving the two drainage structures near the street by their house, determine ownership and actual use, if any, of the drains. Their complaint is the excessive surface water running into their yard and along side of their house and apparent lack of use of the drains. The Road Commission will review the drainage issue and work with the Village of Ahmeek to try and resolve the issue.

The Board reviewed and discussed the petition for roadway abandonment submitted by Black Bear, Inc. for undeveloped streets and alleys within the Village of Mendota Plat in Lac La Belle. This is a continuation of the request approved in July 2012 that will allow flexibility in future development of the property. Commissioner Jaaskelainen motioned to adopt a resolution to abandon the undeveloped segments of streets and alleys as presented in the petition, which include portions of Union Avenue, Superior Street, Keweenaw Street, Fifth Street and two alleys. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer presented the Board with the project list submitted to CRAM that indicates \$9.7M worth of projects ready to go if an increase in funding is approved by the legislature and processed through the current Act 51 formula. With the additional funds, it will take over 10 years just to get the primary road system up to good condition with little or no work done on the local road system. Additional funding will also be needed for facility improvements and maintenance and equipment upgrades.

The Engineer informed the Board that the auditor will complete the review of the Act 51 annual financial report with a final version available in the next week or two for the Chairman to sign and submit to the State. Commissioner Jaaskelainen motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the cover sheet of the Act 51 report. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Great Lakes Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, in Baraga. Plans were made to attend.

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The Annual Safety Dinner has been set for Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge for 6:00 P.M.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

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Joseph Waananen, Chairman

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Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer