

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

November 12, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on November 12, 2013.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Jaaskelainen & Karvonen

Guest: Don Piche, Steve Defour

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

The minutes of the October 10, 2013 regular meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Jaaskelainen and support from Commissioner Karvonen.

Vouchers #28301, #28302 and Master Vendor Vouchers #22-2013 & 23-2013 in the total amount of \$321,668.23 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Jaaskelainen moved to pay the bills. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried

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

The Engineer informed the Board that the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract 2014 budget with MDOT is \$719,000, a \$19,000 increase over last year. The non-winter maintenance amount will be adjusted after the winter maintenance season is over and revised according to remaining funds statewide. A critical maintenance projects list will be submitted for MDOT's review and selection for work next summer.

The Engineer and Chairman informed the Board on recent the recent legislative and transportation funding issues discussed at the Great Lakes Council meeting last week.

The Engineer and the Board discussed the winter maintenance policy and routes for 2013/2014. Segments of Phoenix Farms Road, Tulkku's Farm Road, Kezele Road and Cliff Drive will not be plowed this year in order to reduce winter maintenance costs. West Ballman Street in Fulton will not be plowed as well, similar to the previous winters.

The Engineer informed the Board that the Employee's Association approved the Board's offer at their last meeting. The Board promoted Brandon Gariepy from part time mechanic to full time mechanic to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Jacob Garrow. The Board reviewed and discussed the management employees. Commissioner Jaaskelainen, with support from Commissioner Karvonen, motioned to extend the same offer as the Employee's Association accepted to the Assistant Engineer/Surveyor. Commissioners Jaaskelainen and Karvonen voted "aye", Commissioner Waananen voted "nay". The motion carried. Commissioner Jaaskelainen motioned to extend the same offer as the Employee's Association accepted to the Engineer/Manager and the Finance Director. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Engineer met with the Township Supervisors to discuss local road issues, including possible funding sources, such as road millages, to improve local road conditions. The Supervisors will discuss the issues with their Boards and further meetings will be held to determine needs and costs.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Joseph Waananen, Chairman

Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer