

## KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

February 11, 2015

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on February 11, 2015.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Karvonen & Schaefer

Guest: None

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M

The minutes of the January 8, 2015 regular meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Schaefer and support from Commissioner Karvonen.

Vouchers #28331, #28332 and Master Vendor Vouchers #3-2015 & 4-2015 in the total amount of \$188,422.56 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Karvonen moved to pay the bills. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

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

The Engineer informed Board the 5 year Transportation Improvement Plan adopted by the Keweenaw County Local Task Force and Region 13A Rural Task Force last year would be used for this year as well until more accurate fund balances were provided by MDOT. KCRC's 2015 federal aid project, completion of the Mohawk-Gay Road, will be out for bids on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Engineer informed the Board the Houghton Keweenaw Conservation District (HKCD) is interested in restarting the discussions of acquiring the Cliff Mine Site property from the Road Commission. Allouez Township and HKCD properties would also be involved in the process. The Board will proceed with further discussions and explore any and all options with HKCD and Allouez Township.

The Board discussed the MERS retirement plan. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to add up to an additional 10% to the standard monthly payment each month when financial conditions allow and larger lump sum amounts allowed upon Board approval at a regular monthly meeting. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the upcoming CRAM Annual meeting to be held in Lansing, February 16 – 19. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to designate the Engineer as the authorized voter for KCRC on any issues that may arise at the meeting. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried. Plans were made to attend.

The Board discussed the November meeting date, and on a motion by Commissioner Schaefer, with support from Commissioner Karvonen, the November meeting was moved from November 11<sup>th</sup> to November 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Engineer informed the Board that 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Ahmeek Location may be reconstructed using MDOT Category A Economic Development Grant funds to provide all season road access to the proposed manufacturing facility at the former Rensen Screw site. Future discussions will be held with the new owner and MDOT to determine eligibility and time frame.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

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Joseph Waananen, Chairman

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Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer