

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

November 8, 2016

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on November 8, 2016.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Karvonen & Schaefer

Guest: Ken Rowe, John Parsons, Gina Nicholas

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

The minutes of the October 11, 2016 regular meeting and the October 17, 2016 special meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Karvonen and support from Commissioner Schaefer.

Vouchers #28373, #28374 and Master Vendor Vouchers #24-2016 & #25-2016 in the total amount of \$183,072.81 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.

Gina Nicholas, Houghton Keweenaw Conservation District, inquired about the possibility of placing an informational sign in Jackson Riverside Park describing the Bete de Grise Preserve and locations of the four Road Commission Parks in the area. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to allow the sign to be placed in an area approved by the Engineer and the Grant Township Board being notified of the sign placement, as well as obtaining the necessary zoning permit for the sign. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

John Parsons addressed the Board on the need for sanitation facilities, such as trash cans and pit toilets similar to the Road Commission roadside parks, at the Gratiot River Park. While the Board agreed, the Gratiot River Park is owned and under the control of the County Board. Mr. Parsons will address the situation with the County Board.

The Engineer informed the Board we just received the new 5 year State Trunkline Maintenance Contract for FY 2017 to 2021. The Engineer and Finance Director will review the contract and present for approval at the December meeting. CRA recommends approval of the contract. The 2017 maintenance budget has not been received as of today but is expected soon. It will also be presented to the Board at the December meeting.

The Engineer presented to the Board the draft Keweenaw County Local Task Force Transportation Improvement Plan for 2017 - 2021 for federal and state aid. The public meeting for formal adoption of the plan will be set as soon as the funding amounts are received from MDOT, typically within the next few weeks. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to adopt the plan and present for approval by the Keweenaw County Local Transportation Task Force. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

The 5 year countywide millage transportation plan and 2017 projects have been approved by the millage committee and projects will be completed for bidding in late winter. The projects include 5th, 6th, 8th, Brockway and Bernard Streets in Copper Harbor and 1st, 4th and Oak Streets in Allouez, and School Street in Ahmeek Location, based on the millage funding level for 2017.

The Engineer and the Board discussed the winter maintenance on specific routes for 2016/2017. Segments of Phoenix Farms Road, Tukku's Farm 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 Board directed the Engineer to review and prepare any additions or deletions to the Seasonal Road System for next year.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Joseph Waananen, Chairman

Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer