

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

October 12, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on October 12, 2021.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Olson and Karvonen

Guests: Ken Rowe, Dale Sulak

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

The minutes of the September 14, 2021 meeting were read and approved by a motion by Commissioner Olson and supported by Commissioner Karvonen. The motion carried.

Vouchers # 28243 and # 28244 and Master Vouchers # 19-2021, # 20-2021 in the total amount of \$216,852.10 were audited by the Commissioners. Commissioner Olson motioned to pay the bills as presented. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

Upon review of the monthly financial statement, Commissioner Karvonen motioned to accept the financial statement as presented. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business:

The Engineer informed the Board that our attorney, Charles Miller, indicated that property could be sold to adjacent property owners as long as fair market value was obtained, which would require current appraisals to be completed. The Central property could be sold to an adjacent owner as was done in the past, as well as the lakefront parcel in Gay. Further discussions will be held.

The Engineer informed the Board on the site visit to Ontonagon's shoreline erosion area using new technology style gabions and large rock. Further review will take place in the spring to see the impacts of winter ice and storm waves.

The draft Seasonal Road Policy was discussed and additional items were added to be considered in the final policy, including number of potential houses along a seasonal road and ability to be served by an existing plow route without affecting the current timing and shift hours.

New Business:

The Engineer and Finance Director informed the Board that Blue Cross Blue Shield rates for 2022 have not been received and therefore, negotiations with the Employees Association will have to be postponed until they are available.

The Engineer and Finance informed the Board of their proposed retirement dates and discussed transition plans for each position. Advertising for the Financial Director position will be in November, with interviews in early December, and with the selected individual expected to start in January. The individual will act as Assistant Finance Director for three months and then be promoted to Finance Director on April 1, 2022. Advertising for the Engineer/Manager position will be done in March, with interviews in April and the selected individual expected to start in May or June. The

individual will act as Assistant Engineer/Manager until March 1, 2023 at which time they will be promoted to Engineer/Manager.

The Engineer gave the Board an update on the proposed 2022 county primary and county millage paving projects. Currently, the Cedar Bay Road and Bumble Town Road will be paved using millage funds and the Federal STP buyout funds from Oakland County and Forest Road Funds will be used on the Gratiot Lake Road for drainage maintenance/improvements. The Engineer presented a price quote from Tunnel Vision of \$70,000 for the spray-on Concrete lining for the Traverse River crossing on the Gay-Lake Linden Road and the Gratiot River crossing on Five Mile Point Road. An additional \$30,000 of work completed by the Road Commission and subcontractor will be needed for a project total of \$100,000. This should extend the culvert lives by a minimum of 20 years. Commissioner Olson motioned to accept the price proposal from Tunnel Vision for the concrete culvert lining and proceed with the work in 2022. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board that the next Great Lakes Council meeting is scheduled for November 4th at 9:30 am in Baraga. Plans were made to attend.

Mr. Sulak questioned the issues involving the winter maintenance at Mr. Horace Greeley. The Board stated that it is not our road and any agreements and/or easements had to be discussed with the County Board and Charles Miller. The Road Commission will continue to provide service to the Tower building as necessary until a suitable alternative can be found.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Joe Waananen, Chairman

Gregg Patrick, Engineer