

## KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

November 9, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on November 9, 2021.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Olson and Karvonen

Guests: Ken Rowe

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

The minutes of the October 12, 2021 meeting were read and approved by a motion by Commissioner Olson and supported by Commissioner Karvonen. The motion carried.

Vouchers # 28245 and # 28246 and Master Vouchers # 21-2021, # 22-2021 in the total amount of \$221,764.68 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 is working with the appraiser and surveyor to finalize descriptions and values for property in Gay and Central.

The existing and potential new building were discussed. Various methods of weather proofing the existing building and seeking bids for next summer were discussed as well as the need for indoor parking spaces needed in the new building.

The erosion area on Gay-Lac La Belle Road has been re-armored with medium sized rock and mine rock. Lake Superior water level is 12 inches lower than last year at this time and the erosion has been noticeably less.

The draft Seasonal Road Policy was discussed briefly with additional items added for further discussion at a later date.

### New Business:

The Engineer discussed the proposed 2022 paving projects, including the STP federal aid exchange, Forest Road funds, and millage projects. The projects include the Gratiot Lake Road, Bumbletown Road, the remaining part of Cedar Bay Road, and concrete spray in liners for the Traverse River culverts and Gratiot River culverts. The Engineer and Commissioner Karvonen will meet with the Township Supervisors to discuss and approve the proposed millage projects for 2022. The Keweenaw County Transportation Task Force and Rural Task Force 13A will meet in December to formalize and approve the 5-year Transportation Improvement Plans. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to adopt the Local Millage 5-year plan and the 5-year Task Force Federal and State Aid Transportation Improvement Plan as presented. Commissioner Olson supported the motion.

The motion carried. On a motion by Commissioner Olson, with support by commissioner Karvonen, the Board authorized the Engineer to seek bids for the 2022 paving projects. The motion carried.

The Board discussed contract proposal from the Employees' Association. On a motion by Commissioner Olson, with support from Commissioner Karvonen, the Board counter offered with a 3-year agreement, health insurance with a higher deductible and modified HRA, with raises of 5%, 4% and a 4% raise, and an increase in the longevity pay out from \$30 to \$50 per year, which would be extended to all full-time staff. The motion carried. The Engineer and Finance Director will present the counter offer to the Liaison Committee tomorrow for their review and consideration.

The Engineer and the Board discussed the winter maintenance on specific routes for 2021/2022. Segments of Phoenix Farms Road and Cliff Drive will not be plowed this year in order to reduce winter maintenance costs.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm

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Joe Waananen, Chairman

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Gregg Patrick, Engineer