

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

December 14, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on December 14, 2021.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Olson and Karvonen

Guests: Ken Rowe

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

The minutes of the November 9, 2021 meeting were read and approved by a motion by Commissioner Olson and supported by Commissioner Karvonen. The motion carried.

Vouchers # 28247 and # 28248 and Master Vouchers # 23-2021, # 24-2021 in the total amount of \$581,811.65 were audited by the Commissioners. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to pay the bills as presented. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

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

Chairman Waananen opened the 2022 Annual Budget Hearing on a motion by Commissioner Karvonen and supported by Commissioner Olson. The Finance Director presented the Board the amended 2021 budget. Commissioner Olson motioned to adopt the amended 2020 budget as presented, with total revenues of \$4,068,439.00 and total expenditures of \$3,955,400.00. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried. The proposed 2022 budget was presented, reviewed and discussed. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to adopt the 2022 budget as presented. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion was carried. The annual budget hearing was closed on a motion by Commissioner Olson and supported by Commissioner Karvonen.

Old Business:

The property sales in Central and Gay were will proceeding. Some paperwork and field delays were encountered during the last 6 weeks.

The Finance Director, Engineer and Board discussed the annual additional MERS year end payment, an optional part of the approved corrective action plan. Commissioner Olson motioned to pay the additional \$52,567.18 plus and additional 15% for the December and continue with the same plan for 2022. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

New Business:

The Engineer and Finance Director informed the Board on the advertisement and subsequent applications received for the Finance Director position. The Finance Director recommended that the application window remain open until December 21st, at which time the applications will be reviewed and narrowed down to a field of eight candidates. These candidates will be offered in person or remote Zoom type interviews which will take place in January.

The Engineer and Board discussed the 2022 paving project bids received from Bacco Construction Company and Payne & Dolan, Inc. at 11:00 am this morning. The bids have been tabulated, reviewed and approved by the Engineer. The bids were \$758,703.45 from Bacco Construction Company and \$645,678.10 from Payne & Dolan, Inc. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to award the bid to Payne & Dolan, Inc. for the amount of \$645,678.10. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed meeting dates and times for 2022. The Board selected the second Tuesday of each month, at 2:00 pm as the regular monthly meeting date. Provisions will be made for scheduling special meetings to accommodate other needs. Commissioner Olson motioned to adopt the meeting dates as presented and to post them as required. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The next meeting of the Great Lakes Council will be Thursday, January 6, 2022. Plans will be made to attend based on COVID-19 issues.

The U.P. Road Builders Association Winter Meeting will be February 3rd and 4th in Marquette. Plans will be made to attend based on COVID-19 issues.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm

Joe Waananen, Chairman

Gregg Patrick, Engineer