

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

May 10, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on May 10, 2022.

Present: Commissioners Waananen and Karvonen

Guests: Jesse Patrick, Greg Kingstrom

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the April 12, 20, 27, & 29, 2022 meetings were read and approved by a motion by Commissioner Olson and supported by Commissioner Karvonen. The motion carried.

Vouchers # 28257 and # 28258 and Master Vouchers # 10-2022 and # 11-2022 in the total amount of \$224,537.38 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 Piquette Family is still interested in purchasing Parcel "A" in Gay. The Board will await their decision.

The updated Seasonal Road Policy and road list will be adopted at a later date.

New Business:

The Engineer presented the Board with a resolution to allow the Engineer to sign the recent contract amendment to the MDOT State Maintenance Contract. On a motion by Commissioner Olson with support by Commissioner Karvonen, the Board adopted a resolution authorizing the Engineer to sign the contract amendment, with the resolution being made a part of these minutes. The motion carried.

The Board and Engineer discussed the new MDOT Federal Aid Buyout Program and the limited resources available for FY 2023. The Board on a motion by Commissioner Karvonen, with support from Commissioner Olson, adopted a resolution to sell approximately \$290,000.00 FY 2023 STPBG Federal Aid to the Road Commission of Oakland County for less restrictive county funds and authorized the Engineer to sign any necessary documents to complete the transaction. The motion carried. The Resolution will be made part of these minutes.

The Board reviewed and discussed an obsolete equipment list. Commissioner Olson motioned to sell the trucks and equipment as listed by sealed bids to be opened and tabulated and awarded at the June Board meeting. The obsolete equipment list will be made a part of these minutes. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Board and Engineer discussed the possible Grant Township MDOT TAP Grant they may seek to improve bicycle and pedestrian movement and safety through Copper Harbor. The Board did have reservations if the project is too large and Grant Township has difficulties in making project payments. Other options, such as a parking area on land recently purchased for that purpose, seemed a more reasonable option to the Board. This type of project may be funded by a MDNR Trust Fund grant. The Board would need assurances and a formal agreement with Grant Township that the Road Commission must be held harmless from any monetary requirements and future maintenance issues regarding any MDOT TAP Grant work.

The MCRC SIP annual meeting is scheduled for July 21-22 in Mt. Pleasant. Commissioner Olson motioned to appoint the Finance Director as the voting delegate and the Chairman as the alternate. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The U.P. Road Builders Association's annual Summer meeting has been scheduled for June 15th and 16th. Plans were made to attend. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to move the regular June monthly meeting to 2:00 p.m. on June 13th to allow for travel. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

With the upcoming retirement of Ken Rowe, Finance Director, Commissioner Karvonen motioned to name the newly hired Jesse J. Patrick, Finance and Human Resources Director, as Clerk of the Board of Keweenaw County Road Commissioners. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the wage rate for the summer employees and it has not kept pace with other area employers, leading to difficulty attracting potential employees to fill the positions. Commissioner Olson motioned to make the pay rate \$15.00/hour for summer employees. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm

Joe Waananen, Chairman

Gregg Patrick, Engineer