

## KCRC Board Meeting Minutes

April 9 , 2024

Meeting Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Present: Olson, Bracco & Karvonen  
Absent: None  
Staff Present: Greg Kingstrom, Chris Cronenworth  
Guests: None.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commissioner Olson and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Revisions to the agenda were proposed to include New Business Items: 8. County Millage Renewal and 9. Revision to Meeting Schedule for 2024. Commissioner Olson moved to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Bracco supported the motion. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Commissioner Olson opened the Public Hearing at 6:02p.m. regarding the proposed Right of Way Permit Fee Schedule, Permit Policy and New Road Construction Standards. No public comment received. Commissioner Olson closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

The regular meeting minutes of March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 were reviewed and approved by a motion of Commissioner Karvonen and supported by Commissioner Bracco. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Voucher #28303 and #28304, and Master Vouchers #07-2024 and #08-2024 in the total amount of \$294,836.57 were audited by the Commissioners. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to pay the bills as presented. Supported by Commissioner Bracco. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Financial Statement was presented and reviewed by the Board.

Opportunity for Public Comment was given. None received.

### **Unfinished Business:**

None.

### **New Business:**

Board discussed proposed ROW Permit Policy, New Road Standards and Fee Schedule. Final revisions to Policy and Standards will be completed. Adoption of Policies and Fee Schedule will be at a future meeting.

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Board reviewed bid received on March 14, 2024 for new motor grader(s). Commissioner Karvonen motioned to approve the purchase of one (1) new John Deere 772 GP motor grader with the plow accessories discussed; purchase an additional 36 months / 5000 total hours “comprehensive” warranty on the two (2) remaining graders; and pursue options for receiving bids and/or auction of the one (1) 2020 GP772 grader to be sold. Commissioner Bracco supported the motion. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Board reviewed the bid received on March 14, 2024 for a new wheeled excavator and the existing lease agreement for current Caterpillar M318 wheeled excavator. Commissioner Olson motioned to purchase the CAT M318 wheeled excavator at end of lease period for the set buy-out price; investigate and purchase an extended warranty; and authorize the Engineer/Manager and Finance Director to pursue an installment purchase agreement, as needed. Commissioner Bracco supported the motion. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Board reviewed the bids received on March 12, 2024 for the “2024 Paving Projects”. Engineer/Manager recommended that the project be awarded to the low bidder, Payne and Dolan, Inc. of Gladstone, MI in the amount of \$587,353.54. A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to award the bid to P & D, Inc. Supported by Commissioner Bracco. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Board reviewed “KCRC Board Policy for Social Media”. Commissioner Bracco motioned to approve the policy as presented. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Board reviewed “KCRC Social Media Policy for Employees/Handbook”. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to approve the policy as presented. Commissioner Bracco supported the motion. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Board reviewed the recent appraisals received for the four (4) parcels owned by KCRC in Central and possibly re-advertising them for sale. Commissioner Bracco motioned to authorize Engineer/Manager to solicit for realtor services/assistance and advertise parcels in Summer of 2024. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Board discussed the County and The Nature Conservancy’s (TNC) grant for planning and preliminary design of a Keweenaw Emergency Operations Center (KEOC). Engineer/Manager reported on recent TNC meeting discussions and the possibility of locating the proposed facility on KCRC property in Mohawk. Furthermore, evaluating the shared use for all County agencies/needs and also housing some KCRC equipment & offices therein. Commissioner Olson motioned to support the evaluation of the KEOC and shared use facility with KCRC on the property in Mohawk. Commissioner Bracco supported the motion. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Board reviewed and discussed the County Road Millage, which is subject to a renewal vote in August, 2024. Engineer/Manager presented a list of road projects completed with millage funds since 2015 and those that are currently on the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) for 2024 thru 2028. Furthermore, expressed the need for the continuation of the funding in order to repair the deteriorating county road system. Commissioner Olson motioned to support the Board of County Commissioners placing the countywide road millage renewal proposal of 2.0 mills for 5 years on the ballot in August 2024. Commissioner Bracco supported the motion. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Commissioner Olson motioned to change the regular meeting dates for the remainder of 2024, starting in May, to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**Other**

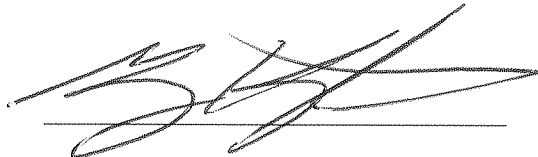
The Engineer/Manager provided a verbal report of current items of general business, operations, equipment and ongoing activities. Other items of routine business were discussed.

Opportunity for public comment was again offered. None received.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by motion of Commissioner Olson and supported by Commissioner Bracco. Ayes: 3, Nays: 0. Motion carried.



Richard Olson, Chairman



Greg Kingstrom, P.E., Engineer/Manager