

## KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

May 9, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on May 9, 2017.

Present: Commissioners Karvonen, Schaefer & Waananen

Guest: Ken Rowe, Don Piche, Greg Kingstrom

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M

The minutes of the April 11, 2017 regular meeting were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Waananen and support from Commissioner Schaefer.

Vouchers #28385, #28386 and Master Vendor Vouchers #9-2017 & #10-2017 in the total amount of \$146139.33 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Waananen moved to pay the bills. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

The financial statement was read, discussed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Waananen and support from Commissioner Schaefer.

A bid was received on time from Payne & Dolan, Inc. (Bacco Construction Company declined to bid on the project) for the 2017 county millage projects. The Payne & Dolan, Inc. bid \$284,733.90, approximately \$60,000 over budget. After reviewing and discussing the bids for the specific projects, Commissioner Waananen motioned remove 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and Oak Streets from the bid package and to award the county millage projects to Payne & Dolan, Inc. for the bid amount of \$218,306.90. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried. The removed projects will be give top priority next year.

Ken Rowe, Road Commission Director of Finance, presented the final 2016 Act 51 annual report and audit report to the Board and provided a summary of the contents.

The Board discussed the abandonment of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street right of way, where a street was never constructed, south of Pine Street to the edge of the plat in the Village of Eagle Harbor Plat, Eagle Harbor Township. The petition was submitted by Patti Asselin and Joyce Simon and reviewed for accuracy. Commissioner Waananen motioned to adopt a resolution of abandonment for 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, from Pine Street south for 200 feet to the edge of the plat. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Board discussed options for the existing structures and proposed new facility. Greg Kingstrom from UPEA addressed the various options and provided approximate costs. The Board determined the most cost effective strategy included exterior and interior upgrades to the existing structure to stabilize and preserve for an extended service life as a heated vehicle storage building and to further investigate the funding options for a new vehicle maintenance/repair and office facility. The Board directed to Engineer to set up a meeting as soon as possible with David Lick, Esq., of Foster Swift, a specialist in public private partnership financing methods who recently worked with Marquette County Road Commission.

The Board reviewed and discussed the resumes submitted and on file for the vacant temporary, seasonal truck driver position. Commissioner Waananen motioned to extend a job offer to Darren Erkkila. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board the MDOT maintenance contract has \$150,000 remaining following winter maintenance and an additional \$120,000 has been made available for specific critical maintenance projects and summer maintenance items. Additional funds may be available later in the summer.

The U.P. Road Builder's Summer Meeting will be June 14-15 at Harris. Plans were made to attend.

Due a scheduling conflict with the UPRBA Summer meeting, the June 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting was moved from 2:00 P.M. to 10:00 A.M. on a motion by Commissioner Waananen and support from Commissioner Schaefer. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board that the Ford pickup trucks have been ordered from Gorno Ford, the MIDEAL Ford dealer, and the prices are \$23,480 for the 2WD F250 and \$25,175 for the 4WD F150.

The MCRCSIP annual meeting is scheduled for July 19-20 in Mt. Pleasant.

A rustic sign stolen from Great Sand Bay was recovered recently as the result of an investigation into another issue. The Sheriff's Department inquired if the Board would like to press charges regarding the theft of the sign. The sign is owned by MDOT and the Board would support MDOT if they decided to press charges.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

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John Karvonen, Chairman

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Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer