

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

May 8, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on May 8, 2014.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Jaaskelainen & Karvonen

Guest: Ken Rowe, Don Piche, Chris Cronenworth, Scot Peterson, Brian DeBernardi, Mark Sellers, Ryan Riipi, Gary Erickson

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

The minutes of the April 9, 2014 regular meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Jaaskelainen and support from Commissioner Karvonen.

Vouchers #28313, #28314 and Master Vendor Vouchers #11-2014 & 12-2014 in the total amount of \$157,218.37 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Jaaskelainen moved to pay the bills. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

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

Bids were received from Fabco Caterpillar, Nortrax John Deere, and Miller-Bradford Case for leasing motor graders. All bids were delivered on time, were opened and read aloud. Each vendor gave a brief presentation. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Karvonen with support from Commissioner Jaaskelainen, tabled any action on the award of the bid in order to allow the creation of a bid tabulation spreadsheet by the Engineer and Finance Director, which will allow for a more detailed review of the necessary specifications, warranties and lease amounts. A special meeting was set for Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. to further evaluate the bids and make a selection.

Ken Rowe, Road Commission Director of Finance, presented the final 2013 Act 51 annual report and audit report to the Board and provided a summary of their contents.

The Engineer and Finance Director were unable to present the 2013-2014 winter maintenance costs to the Board due to computer server failure. They will be presented at the June meeting.

The Engineer informed the Board about the spring flooding issues, which were mostly water over the road issues, with some culverts plugged with the first flush of sticks and leaves, while others have been simply overwhelmed by the quantity of runoff. Costs to repair these areas will be tracked.

The U.P. Road Builder's summer meeting will be June 11-12, in Escanaba. Plans were made to attend. Due to a conflict with the UPRBA summer meeting, the June meeting was moved to Monday, June 9th, at 2:00 p.m., the Board of Park Trustees to follow.

The MCRCSIP annual meeting is scheduled for July 23-24 in Mt. Pleasant. Commissioner Jaaskelainen motioned to name the Engineer as the designated voter and the Chairman as the alternate. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried. Plans for attending were discussed.

The Engineer consulted with a land appraiser and AFM real estate division to determine if the \$15,000.00 offer made by Jim Vivian II for the 18 acre parcel adjacent to his property in Central was an acceptable fair market value. Both agreed that for the parcel involved, type of land, and MDOT beautification strip, this is a reasonable offer in this market and would be acceptable to them. Commissioner Jaaskelainen motioned to accept the offer, have the buyers complete a survey of the parcel, and contact a local title company to complete the sale. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board that the independent insurance adjuster, along with Specialty Claims, Inc. and MCRCSIP have totaled truck #291. It was purchased back from the insurance company for a salvage value of \$3,825.00 and will be used for parts. The insurance settlement of \$38,154.00 will be put toward a replacement truck.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Joseph Waananen, Chairman

Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer