

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

September 12, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on September 12, 2017.

Present: Commissioners Karvonen, Schaefer & Waananen

Guest: Don Piche

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM

The minutes of the August 8, 2017 regular meeting were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Waananen and support from Commissioner Schaefer.

Vouchers #28393, #28394 and Master Vendor Vouchers #18-2017 and #19-2017 in the total amount of \$367,831.68 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.

Then Engineer gave the Board an update on the potential financing options for a new building/existing building stabilization. They include: 1) having the legislature extend the 15-year limit on installment loans for road commissions to 30 years, similar to counties; 2) have the county acquire the loan for us; and 3) enter into a design/build contract on a lease to own package. The Finance Director and Engineer will continue to review and analyze the options.

The Engineer updated the Board on the Five Mile Point Road federal aid project and the county road millage projects. All projects were completed on time and met all material testing. The millage projects were over budget by \$15,000, mainly due to unforeseen conditions on Stanton Avenue and 3rd Street in Mohawk.

The Board discussed the possibility of exchanging federal Surface Transportation Funds with an interested urban county. Commissioner Waananen motioned to only consider Federal Aid buyouts with a minimum of 85% buyout ratio. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer gave the Board an update on the Central Creek grant application. The grant was underfunded, so options are being considered, including increasing local matches. The Engineer will continue to monitor the situation.

The Engineer expressed the need for additional crushed mine rock needed at Central for construction projects. Commissioner Waananen motioned to authorize the Engineer to spend up to \$15,000 for a contractor to complete the crushing operations at Central for 3" and 1" minus aggregates. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

John Karvonen, Chairman

Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer