

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

October 10, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on October 10, 2017.

Present: Commissioners Karvonen, Schaefer & Waananen

Guest: David Kaura, Bill Lahti

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM

The minutes of the September 12, 2017 regular meeting were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Waananen and support from Commissioner Schaefer.

Vouchers #28395, #28396 and Master Vendor Vouchers #20-2017, 21-2017 and #22-2017 in the total amount of \$508,543.35 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.

The Engineer informed the Board on the status of the FY 2017 MDOT trunkline maintenance contract summer maintenance and the upcoming critical projects for FY 2018 and beyond. The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Waananen with support from Commissioner Schaefer, adopted a resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign a contract amendment to the MDOT trunkline maintenance contract that increases the limit from \$25,000 to \$500,000 for maintenance contracts and subcontracts, above which require State Administrative Board approval.

The Engineer and Board discussed the 2018 federal aid project and county millage projects. The Rural Task Force 13A Keweenaw County 5-year plan was discussed. This will be formally approved at the Keweenaw County Transportation Task Force meeting typically held in December. The 5-year county millage plan was discussed and projects will be evaluated, estimated and selected at the next millage committee meeting. A revised 5-year plan will be developed and ready for the next Board meeting.

The Engineer informed the Board that the next Great Lakes Council meeting is scheduled for November 2 at 9:30 a.m. in Baraga. Plans were made to attend.

The Liaison Committee members attended the Board meeting on behalf of the Employees' Association to discuss employee relations and current contract status. The preliminary rates for health insurance were just given to the Road Commission by 44 North, with a preliminary rate increase expected to be about 8%. 44 North will present the Road Commission with a more exact rate increase and other options available to reduce the rate increase next week. The Engineer and Finance Director will keep the Board and Employees' Association informed on the matter.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

John Karvonen, Chairman

Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer