

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

March 8, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on March 8, 2018.

Present: Commissioners Karvonen, Schaefer & Waananen

Guest: Brian DeBernardi, Craig Dering, Ken Rowe

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM

The minutes of the February 7, 2018 regular meeting were read and approved on a motion by Commissioner Schaefer and support from Commissioner Waananen.

Vouchers #28405, #28406 and Master Vendor Vouchers #5-2018 and #6-2018 in the total amount of \$201,261.59 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 Schaefer and support from Commissioner Waananen.

Old Business:

New Building Issues. The Engineer informed the Board that CRA is working with a Senator and Representative to introduce the Legislation to increase the installment load period for road commissions from 15 years to 30 years.

New Business:

The Board accepted bids for a wheeled excavator. After reviewing and discussing the bids submitted by Fabick (Caterpillar), Aring (Volvo), and Nortrax (Deere/Hitachi), Commissioner Waananen motioned to award the bid to Nortrax for a Deere/Hitachi model 190W model for a 3 year lease of \$1,829.41/month subject to notice of the exact delivery date within 1 week of this meeting and with delivery by May 15th. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried. A bid tabulation will be included as a part of these minutes.

The Board discussed the management employee's salaries for 2018. Commissioner Waananen motioned to offer 2%, same as the Employees' Association, retroactive to November 1st, 2017. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Board, on a motion by Commissioner Waananen with support from Commissioner Schaefer, authorized the Engineer to accept and award the bids for the 2018 county road millage projects. The date will be set for some time in April after further discussions with the potential contractors.

The Finance Director informed the Board that Watkins Ross submitted a price of \$3,600 and Gabriel Roeder Smith submitted a price of \$9,800 for the OPEB actuarial that must be completed by June 30, 2018. Commissioner Waananen motioned to hire Watkins Ross to complete the OPEB actuarial and the follow up reports. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Finance Director informed the Board on the applications received for the part time payroll clerk position. Commissioner Waananen motioned to authorize the Finance Director to interview applicants he deems are qualified and hire the person he thinks will be the best fit for the position. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion.

The Board discussed the Road Commissioners' Seminar in Bay City, April 9th – 11th.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:25 P.M.

John Karvonen, Chairman

Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer