

## KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

June 12, 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

Guests: Ken Rowe, Don Piche

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM

The minutes of the May 8, 2018 regular meeting were read and approved by a motion by Commissioner Waananen and supported by Commissioner Schaefer. The motion carried.

Vouchers #284012 and #284013 and Master Vendor Voucher # 9-2018 and #10-2018 and #11-2018 in the total amount of \$180,472.89 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Waananen motioned to pay the bills as presented. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

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

Old Business:

The Engineer gave the Board an update on House Bill 5764 and its lack of movement and the inquiries that were made. The Engineer also updated the Board on the Gay Sands/Big Traverse dredging project and the wetland banking grant for the Gay- Lac La Belle Road.

New Business:

The Finance Director presented the final 2017 Act 51 annual report and audit report to the Board and provided a summary of the contents.

The Finance Director informed the Board that a program was needed to fund the Other Post-Employment Benefits obligations. On a motion by Commissioner Waananen with support from Commissioner Schaefer the Board adopted the Municipal Employees Retirement System Retiree Health Funding Vehicle to assist in Other Post-Employment

Benefits obligations, and authorized the Finance Director to make an initial deposit of \$10,000 to the fund.

The Board discussed the MDOT Engineering Reimbursement program. Commissioner Waananen motioned to approve the reimbursement application and authorize the Board members to sign the form for submittal to MDOT. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board the most suitable project for the \$120,000 in surplus road funding should be used on Bete de Gris Road, from Lac La Belle Road to Sand Point Road. However, due to the amount of work the paving contractors have this year, it will be completed in 2019, along with other paving projects in the area.

The Finance Director presented the 2017 – 2018 winter maintenance costs to the Board. The total winter maintenance cost was \$784,836.79, with costs to complete winter maintenance up \$91,000 over last year. This can be attributed to an increase in overtime hours needed for winter maintenance this year due to weekend and holiday snowstorms and receiving an additional 28 inches of snow over last year. The season total for this year was 304”.

The Engineer informed the Board that wheel loader #141 was in need of a new hydraulic valve bank, which is no longer available and must be custom made for a little over \$10,000 price range.

The Board discussed the various finance options available to fund the construction of a new maintenance/office building and stabilize the existing structure. Commissioner Waananen motioned to authorize the Finance Director to develop and request finance proposals from area banks and to start the pre-application process with U.S.D.A Rural Development. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm

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John Karvonen, Chairman

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Gregg Patrick, Engineer