

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

October 8, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on October 8, 2019.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Schaefer & Olson

Guests: Mary Kershner, Roger Kershner, Tom Hall, Dan Steck, Lynn Robertson, Jamie Robertson, Ken Rowe

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

The minutes of the September 10, 2019 regular meeting were read and approved by a motion by Commissioner Olson and supported by Commissioner Schaefer. The motion carried.

Vouchers # 28445 and # 28446 and Master Vouchers # 19-2019, # 20-2019 in the total amount of \$1,029,232.73 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Olson 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 Schaefer and supported by Commissioner Olson. The motion carried.

Old Business:

The Engineer informed the Board that the Gay dredging project was wrapping up for this year. The sand bank moving project was scheduled to begin in early November. GreenSand was working with the Keweenaw County Historical Society and Keweenaw National Historic Park on signage. The Central property sale is moving along, still waiting on final disclosure issues.

H.B. 4120 was still awaiting further action. Representative Markkanen and Senator McBroom are still working with it, but the current budget and transportation talks in the Legislature have slowed its progress. The Board directed the Engineer to contact Representative Markkanen and Senator McBroom in writing to encourage them to continue pushing the bill through.

The Gay-Lac La Belle Road relocation permit is still going through the EPA review process.

New Business:

Several guests in attendance from the Eagle River area addressed the Board in regard to the upcoming public hearing on the proposed ORV ordinance at the courthouse on November 13, 2019. The guests generally showed their opposition to the new Ordinance and the use of ORV's on the Five Mile Point Road and M-26 in Eagle River. Following a lengthy discussion amongst the Board members, Commissioner Schaefer motioned to adopt a position statement stating the Road Commission was not in support of ORV's on county roads. The motion died for lack of support. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to adopt a position statement that will be sent to the County Board

suggesting the new ordinance include language that states ORV's must use and travel on ORV trails where they are available as opposed to using county roads. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed resolution and agreement with the Road Commission of Oakland County for the 2020 Local Federal Fund Exchange. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the exchange and the Chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer and Board discussed the Graco RoadLazer Roadpak line painting system. The Board directed the Engineer to have a demonstration available for May 2020.

The Engineer gave the Board an update on the 2019 county primary and county millage paving projects. The Lac La Belle area projects are finished and shouldering should be completed on the Gratiot Lake Access Road today or tomorrow.

The Engineer informed the Board that the next Great Lakes Council meeting is scheduled for November 7 at 9:30 am in Baraga. Plans were made to attend.

The Board discussed the future Mechanic's position that will be open due to Scot Peterson's upcoming retirement. The Board directed the Engineer to place an advertisement for the position and start the interview process.

Other items of routine business were discussed

The meeting adjourned at 3:18 pm

Joe Waananen, Chairman

Gregg Patrick, Engineer