

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

November 10, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held November 10, 2020, via speaker phone conference call per the Executive Orders regarding social distancing during the coronavirus pandemic and the modified Open Meetings Act. The Board members were emailed all necessary documents for the meeting. The building was open to the public; however, no guests were present, and strict social distancing would have been enforced.

Present: Commissioner Waananen

Present via Conference Call: Commissioners Schaefer & Olson

Guests: Ken Rowe

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

The minutes of the October 13, 2020 regular meeting were read and approved by a motion by Commissioner Olson and supported by Commissioner Schaefer. The motion carried.

Vouchers # 28471 and # 28472 and Master Vouchers # 21-2020, # 22-2020 in the total amount of \$216,885.59 were audited by the Commissioners. Commissioner Olson motioned to pay the bills as presented. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Olson motioned to accept the financial statement as presented. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business:

The Engineer informed the Board that the GreenSand/MDEGLE/USACE historical sign has been placed near the Gay smokestack.

H.B. 5314 is in the Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Committee awaiting action during the lame duck session.

The Lake Superior water level is 5 inches lower than last year at this time and the erosion has been noticeably less.

New Business:

The Engineer and Finance Director presented the Board with the MERS Agreement Addendum. The Board discussed the proposed agreement and Commissioner Olson motioned to adopt the MERS Agreement Addendum for both retirement plans and authorize the Engineer to sign the Agreements. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer discussed the proposed 2021 paving projects, including the STP federal aid, State "D" Funds, Forest Road funds routes and millage projects. The projects include the Gratiot Lake Road, Tamarack Waterworks Road and part of Cedar Bay Road. The Engineer and Commissioner

Schaefer met with the Township Supervisors to discuss and approve the proposed millage projects for 2021. The Keweenaw County Transportation Task Force and Rural Task Force 13A will meet in December to formalize and approve the 5 year Transportation Improvement Plans.

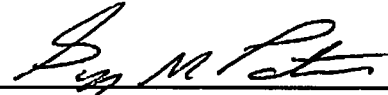
The Board discussed the contract proposal from the Employees' Association. On a motion by Commissioner Olson, with support from Commissioner Schaefer, the Board counter offered with a 1-year agreement, health insurance stays the same, and a 3% raise, which would be extended to all full time and part time staff. The motion carried. The Engineer will present the counter offer to the Liaison Committee tomorrow for their review and consideration.

The Engineer and the Board discussed the winter maintenance on specific routes for 2020/2021. Segments of Phoenix Farms Road and Cliff Drive will not be plowed this year in order to reduce winter maintenance costs. West Ballman Street in Fulton will not be plowed as well, similar to the previous winters.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 pm

Joe Waananen, Chairman



Gregg Patrick, Engineer