

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

December 10, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held December 10, 2020, via Zoom per the Executive Orders regarding the ban on social gathering 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 via Zoom: Commissioners Waananen and Olson

Guests via Zoom: Ken Rowe, John Karvonen, Garrett Hartwig

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

The minutes of the November 10, 2020 regular meeting were read and approved by a motion by Commissioner Olson and supported by Commissioner Waananen. The motion carried.

Vouchers # 28473 and # 28474 and Master Vouchers # 23-2020, # 24-2020 in the total amount of \$338,149.54 were audited by the Commissioners. Commissioner Olson motioned to pay the bills as presented. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried.

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

Commissioner Olson motioned to authorize the Engineer and Finance Director to sign the vouchers and any necessary documents pertinent to this meeting given the MDHHS COVID-19 restrictions currently in place. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Waananen opened the 2021 Annual Budget Hearing on a motion by Commissioner Olson and supported by Commissioner Waananen. The Finance Director presented the Board the amended 2020 budget. Commissioner Olson motioned to adopt the amended 2020 budget as presented, with total revenues of \$3,974,740.00 and total expenditures of \$4,219.195.00. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried. The proposed 2021 budget was presented, reviewed and discussed. Commissioner Olson motioned to adopt the 2021 budget as presented. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion was carried. The annual budget hearing was closed on a motion by Commissioner Olson supported by Commissioner Waananen.

Old Business:

The permanent trail easement offered to the MDNR has been accepted and the final paperwork will be completed in the coming weeks.

The Finance Director, Engineer and Board discussed the annual additional MERS year-end payment, an optional part of the approved corrective action plan. Commissioner Olson motioned to pay the additional \$79,091.10 and continue with the same plan for 2021. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried.

New Business:

The Engineer informed the Board that the lease for the wheeled excavator expires in May 2021 and will need to be replaced. Commissioner Olson motioned to authorize the Engineer to seek lease bids for a wheel excavator due at the January meeting. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried

The Engineer discussed the proposed 2021 paving projects, which include Tamarack Waterworks Road and a portion of Cedar Bay Road under the millage projects, and Gratiot Lake Road using STP-Rural and State D funding through the MDOT Local Agency Programs. Commissioner Olson motioned to authorize the Engineer to request bids for the 2021 paving projects from Bacco Construction Company and Payne & Dolan, Inc. for the millage projects and the Federal and State aid projects through the MDOT LAP. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed meeting dates and times for 2021. The Board selected the second Tuesday of each month, at 2:00 pm as the regular monthly meeting date. Provisions will be made for scheduling special meetings to accommodate other needs. Commissioner Olson motioned to adopt the meeting dates as presented and to post them as required. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The next meeting of the Great Lakes Council will be Thursday, January 7, 2021, most likely in an electronic Zoom type format. The Board discussed the Public Service Announcements related to safety during winter maintenance operations on TV 6. The Board, while still believing it is a good program, declined to participate since the cost will have doubled or more due to other counties dropping out of the program.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Joe Waananen, Chairman

Gregg Patrick, Engineer