

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

August 10, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on August 10, 2021.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Olson and Karvonen

Guests: Ken Rowe

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

The minutes of the July 13, 2021 meeting were read and approved by a motion by Commissioner Olson and supported by Commissioner Karvonen. The motion carried.

Vouchers # 28239 and # 28240 and Master Vouchers # 15-2021, # 16-2021 in the total amount of \$299,394.38 were audited by the Commissioners. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to pay the bills as presented. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

Upon review of the monthly financial statement, Commissioner Olson motioned to accept the financial statement as presented. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business:

Gay/Cliff/Central – The survey quotes were received for the east portion of the Gay Sands. They were evaluated on both price and expected completion date. On a motion by Commissioner Karvonen with support from Commissioner Olson, the Board awarded the parcel survey to the low bidder, Hein Surveying, for the amount of \$1,865.00. The Board also discussed having this property and the Central property to be listed with a realtor to have more market exposure. Commissioner Karvonen moved to have North Country Agency Century 21 handle the sale of the two properties. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

Gay-Lac La Belle Shoreline Erosion Update – A shoreline erosion project has been completed in Ontonagon County with an innovative product. The Engineer will schedule a site visit to discuss and evaluate for our needs.

A draft Seasonal Road policy will be discussed at September's meeting.

New Building - None

New Business:

The Engineer presented the Board with the new MDOT 5-year Maintenance Contract, which has been negotiated by CRA and recommended for adoption. Commissioner Olson motioned to adopt a resolution to enter into the new 5-year contract and authorize the Engineer to digitally sign the contract. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer gave the Board an update on the summer projects. The work on the Central Creek concrete box culvert is under way, with the sections arriving tomorrow for installation. The project should be completed in the next two weeks. The Gratiot Lake Road paving projects awarded to Payne & Dolan, Inc. has been moved to June 2022. Given this development, consideration will be given to paving the remaining segment of Gratiot Lake Road in 2022 due to the potential for a better price and less mobilization.

Given the current state of equipment availability and the pandemic related extended length of delivery times, the Board discussed two pieces of equipment that would be needed in 2022, a roadside mower and a tandem dump truck. The Engineer presented the Board with three Sourcewell prices for various roadside mowers manufacturers. Following a review of the price quotes and machine comparisons, the Board selected the lowest priced unit that also accepted a trade-in from R & S, Inc., a John Deere tractor with a Diamond side mower for \$95,744.26, based on a motion by commissioner Olson with support from Commissioner Karvonen. The motion carried. With the tandem dump truck, Commissioner Olson motioned to purchase a tandem dump truck based on the specifications of the last truck through the MIDEAL program with a corresponding body package through the lowest Sourcewell dealer. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The next Great lakes Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 31st. At this time, it is scheduled to be in person with the possibility of becoming virtual, similar to the May meeting. Details will be made available as soon as we receive them.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 pm

Joe Waananen, Chairman

Gregg Patrick, Engineer