

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

February 8, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on February 8, 2011.

Present: Commissioners McEvers, Muljo and Waananen

Guest: Dave Law, Marlin Wingard, Patti Wingard, Vicki Stigers

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 P.M

The minutes of the January 13, 2011 regular meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Waananen and support from Commissioner Muljo.

Vouchers #28235, #28236 and Master Vendor Vouchers #4-2011 and #5-2011 in the total amount of \$188,072.93 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Vouchers were signed. Commissioner Waananen moved to pay the bills. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

The financial statement was read, discussed and approved on a motion by Commissioner Waananen and support from Commissioner Muljo.

Mr. Law and Mr. and Mrs. Wingard requested the Board to provide plow service starting around 3:00 a.m. along Eagle Harbor Road and M-26 for early commuters. The Board and Engineer explained the winter maintenance schedule, plow routes, MDOT contract and areas covered by individual trucks. The Board didn't feel confident any changes could be made to accommodate the early commuters but directed the Engineer to discuss the matter with the Maintenance Foreman.

The Engineer informed the Board that Michigan Technological University was interested in continuing their summer archaeology activities in 2011 at the Cliff Mine property. KCRC would be included on the insurance policy as in the past. Commissioner Muljo motioned to authorize the Engineer to sign the agreement with MTU to continue the summer archaeology program in 2011 with the appropriate insurance coverage. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer gave the Board an update on the Region 13A Rural Task Force meeting held this morning and the approval of the Baraga, Houghton and Keweenaw County 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Plans.

The Engineer informed the Board of a Gay Stamp Sands Technical Workshop being held in Houghton with KCRC being invited as a primary stakeholder on March 9th and 10th. Plans were made for the Chairman to attend.

The Engineer reminded the Board that the current radio system will be obsolete on January 1, 2013. Keweenaw County Emergency Coordinator, Mr. Jack Dueweke, is putting together a grant package with a 10% local match requirement for 8 to 10 handheld 800 Mhz radios. This will allow KCRC to move onto the 800 Mhz system, with each employee having a handheld unit, instead of every vehicle and piece of equipment having a new radio, along with new towers and repeaters. By using the 800 Mhz handhelds, the KCRC should see substantial savings of over \$50,000 in radio system upgrades.

The Engineer informed the Board that the CRAM Annual meeting will be held in Lansing, March 8 – 10. Commissioner Waananen motioned to designate the Engineer as the authorized voter for KCRC on any issues that may arise at the meeting. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried. Plans were made to attend.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 P.M.

Mark McEvers, Chairman

Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer