

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

November 12, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on November 12, 2009.

Present: Commissioners Bjorn, McEvers and Muljo

Guest: Randy Eckloff

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 P.M.

The minutes of the October 8, 2009 regular meeting and the October 14, 2009 special meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Muljo and support from Commissioner McEvers.

Vouchers #28204, #28205 and Master Vendor Voucher #12-2009 in the total amount of \$182,265.72 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Muljo moved to pay the bills. Commissioner McEvers supported the motion. The motion carried.

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

The Board reviewed and discussed the contracts with MDOT for the Eagle Harbor Road paving project for 2010. The bid opening is scheduled for the Friday, December 4, 2009 MDOT letting. Commissioner McEvers motioned to adopt a resolution authorizing the chairman to sign the contracts and submit to MDOT for final processing. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried. A copy of the resolution will be made a part of these minutes.

The Board reviewed and discussed the audit agreement for 2009 with the Michigan Department of Treasury. Commissioner Muljo motioned to authorize the chairman to sign the agreement. Commissioner McEvers supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Board received a formal request from American Forest Management, Inc., representing GMO Threshold Timber Michigan III LLC, to accept the rights-of-way for North and South Eliza Creek Drive. Commissioner Muljo motioned to adopt a resolution accepting North and South Eliza Creek Drive rights-of-way for public road purposes. Commissioner McEvers supported the motion. The motion carried. A copy of the resolution will be made a part of these minutes.

The Engineer presented the Board a copy of the Copper Country Trail Committee's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be filled out and completed by all entities involved with the Copper Country Trail Committee. The Board would like to maintain an active role with the group and directed the Engineer to complete the MOU for submittal.

The Board reviewed and discussed the updated Delta Dental service contract. The Board authorized the Engineer and Director of Finance to sign and complete the contract.

The Board reviewed and discussed the adoption of the SCHIP (State Children's Health Insurance Program) Amendment for the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA). This would allow children to be covered under the SCHIP if coverage was denied through the Road Commission's health benefit package. Commissioner McEvers motioned to adopt the SCHIP Amendment for the HRA. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer presented the costs for the public service announcements on WLUC TV6, which is \$804.00 for 2010. Commissioner McEvers motioned to pay Keweenaw County's portion of the annual invoice. Commissioner Muljo supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board of the Association of Southern Michigan Road Commissions' annual meeting scheduled for December 7 – 9 in Frankenmuth.

The Engineer and the Board discussed the winter maintenance policy and routes for 2009/2010. Phoenix Farms Road and West Ballman Street in Fulton will not be plowed again this year in order to reduce winter maintenance costs. Since Cliff Drive is not designated as a seasonal road, the north end will be plowed for two miles to provide access for the homeowner's. Mr. Eckloff indicated that Mt. Horace Greeley should be plowed as in the past in order to provide access the communication equipment located there. The Board set the start times during snow events for trunkline motor graders at 4:30 a.m. and the remaining plows at 5:00 a.m., Monday through Friday, and 5:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., respectively, for weekends.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Eric Bjorn, Chairman

Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer