

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

March 15, 2012

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on March 15, 2012.

Present: Commissioners McEvers, Waananen & Jaaskelainen

Guest: Don Piche

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

The minutes of the February 8, 2012 regular meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Jaaskelainen and support from Commissioner Waananen.

Vouchers #28261, #28262 and Master Vendor Voucher #5-2012, in the total amount of \$165,314.59 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Jaaskelainen moved to pay the bills. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried.

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

The issues discussed at the UPRBA winter meeting, County Engineers' Workshop and the CRAM Annual Meeting held in Lansing last week, included the positions of the legislature and governor on the introduction of bills addressing transportation funding and the recognition that an increase in funding for Michigan's failing road and bridge system is long overdue and badly needed. Also discussed was the proposed new funding formula based on vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and roadway functional classification which may adversely affect rural counties.

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft cell phone usage policy. Commissioner Waananen motioned to adopt the policy as presented in order to comply with current state and federal commercial vehicle laws. Commissioner Jaaskelainen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer presented the Board with the Keweenaw County Transportation Improvement Plan for 2012 – 2016 as adopted by the Keweenaw County Local Transportation Task Force. The plan will be formally approved at the Regional Task Force meeting on March 28th.

The Engineer informed the Board of the engine issues with motor grader #150, transmission issues with #299, suspension issues with #297 and drive train/differential problems with #291.

The Engineer informed the Board of the annual C.R.A.S.I.F. safety seminar in Baraga, Thursday April 26th. Plans were made for the safety committee to attend.

The Board discussed the Road Commissioners' Seminar in Traverse City, April 15th – 17th.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 P.M.

Mark McEvers, Chairman

Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer