

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

May 9, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on May 9, 2013.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Jaaskelainen & Karvonen

Guest: Ken Rowe, Don Piche & Jacob Garrow,

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

The minutes of the April 11, 2013 regular meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Jaaskelainen and support from Commissioner Karvonen.

Vouchers #28289, #28290 and Master Vendor Vouchers #9-2013, & #9-2013 in the total amount of \$141,240.95 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed.

Commissioner Jaaskelainen moved to pay the bills. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried

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

Ken Rowe, Road Commission Director of Finance, presented the final 2012 Act 51 annual report and audit report to the Board and provided a summary of their contents.

The Engineer presented the 2012-2013 winter maintenance costs to the Board. The total winter maintenance cost was \$865,736, with costs to complete winter maintenance up \$272,195 over last year. This can be attributed to an increase in normal and overtime hours needed for winter maintenance this year due to receiving 119 inches more of snow than last year. The season total was 314", 54" in April, a new monthly record, and 271" since January 12th. The Board directed the Engineer to continue evaluating all winter maintenance options again for next year.

The Engineer informed the Board about the spring flooding issues, which were mostly water over the road issues on the state trunklines and county primaries, with washouts on local roads Siitionen's Road, Garden City Hill, Sarkela's Road, Coal Dock Road, Bumbletown Road and Steniger's Road. Costs to repair these areas will be tracked and itemized for possible federal funds following the statewide flooding emergency declaration by Governor Snyder.

The Engineer presented the Board a additional AFLAC plan providing long term disability insurance benefits to employees to be covered 100% by the employee. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to adopt the voluntary, employee paid AFLAC long term disability plan. Commissioner Jaaskelainen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board that the 100th anniversary of the Keweenaw County Road Commission is June 20th. Plans were made to have an open house to commemorate the day.

The U.P. Road Builder's summer meeting will be June 12-13, at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge. Plans were made to attend.

The MCRCSIP annual meeting is scheduled for July 24-25 in Mt. Pleasant. Plans for attending were discussed.

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The Board reviewed and discussed the Engineering Reimbursement form provided by MDOT. Commissioner Jaaskelainen moved to authorize the Chairman and Board Members to sign and submit the form. Commissioner Waananen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board that Derrill Laurie announced his retirement shortly after the April meeting. In keeping with the current program of promoting seasonal, temporary truck drivers to open full time positions, David Frantti was promoted to a full time truck driver. An advertisement will be placed for a part time, 10 month per year truck driver position and a temporary, seasonal truck driver for December thru March.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Joseph Waananen, Chairman

Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer