

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

April 9, 2014

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on April 9, 2014.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Jaaskelainen & Karvonen

Guest: Don Piche, Jim Vivian II, Jim Vivian III, Chris Cronenworth, Scot Peterson, Mark Sellers

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

The minutes of the March 13, 2014 regular meeting were read and approved as read on a motion by Commissioner Jaaskelainen and support from Commissioner Karvonen.

Vouchers #28311, #28312 and Master Vendor Vouchers #9-2014 & 10-2014 in the total amount of \$249793.49 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.

Mr. Vivian II presented the appraisal completed by Glen Tolksdorf for the approximately 18 acre parcel of KCRC property surrounding his property in Central. The appraised value was \$21,800.00, with an addendum stating the price could be negotiable due to the MDOT 150 foot beautification strip located adjacent to the US-41 right-of-way. The area encompasses approximately 5.5 acres and includes severe restrictions as to its use. Mr. Vivian II proposed reducing the value to the land in the beautification strip from \$1,244.00/acre to \$200/acre, with a total offer of \$15,000.00 for the parcel. The Board directed the Engineer to determine if this is a fair offer, considering the beautification strip involved.

Mr. Sellers from Fabco Cat presented the Board with various motor graders, equipment options and financing packages available from Caterpillar. The Engineer presented several options including combinations of purchasing, leasing, renting and trade-ins. The Board directed the Engineer to develop a bid and specification package and to accept bids at the May meeting which would allow the Board to select the best equipment and financing package that fits within our current budget and financial constraints.

The Engineer presented the resolution developed by the Township Supervisors and the Engineer requesting the County Board of Commissioners to place a proposal on the ballot in the August primary election for adopting a countywide road millage of 2 mils for 5 years. The Board reviewed and discussed the resolution. Commissioner Jaaskelainen motioned to adopt the resolution as presented and Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried. A copy of the resolution will be included in these minutes.

The Engineer informed the Board that Susan Sanford, C.P.A. completed the review of the 2013 Act 51 annual financial report and the audit report. A final version will be available within the next week for the Chairman to sign and submit to the State. The Finance Director will present the 2013 Act 51 report and audit report to the Board at the May meeting. Commissioner Jaaskelainen motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the cover sheet of the Act 51 report. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Great Lakes Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 1st, in Baraga. Plans were made to attend.

The Annual Safety Dinner has been set for Friday, May 9th, at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge for 6:00 P.M.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Joseph Waananen, Chairman

Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer