

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

June 9, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on June 9, 2020.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Schaefer & Olson

Guests: Ken Rowe

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

The minutes of the May 12, 2020 regular meeting were read and approved by a motion by Commissioner Schaefer and supported by Commissioner Olson. The motion carried.

Vouchers # 28461 and # 28462 and Master Vouchers # 11-2020, # 12-2020 in the total amount of \$492,262.91 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Olson motioned to pay the bills as presented. Commissioner Schaefer supported the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Schaefer motioned to accept the financial statement as presented. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried

Old Business:

Building Issues Update – None

Gay Stamp Sands – U.S.A.C.E dredging project is completed and demobilization is occurring now and through the summer.

Central/Cliff Sites – For Sale sign to be put up on 100-acre parcel. A time extension to October 2021 has been granted for the Central Creek Crossing Grant from NFWF.

Gay-Lac La Belle Shoreline Erosion Update – Permit for road relocation has been issued. Plans and permit application for shoreline armoring has been submitted. Lake Superior levels are about 6” less than last year at this time.

New Business:

The Board discussed the CRA and MDOT budget projections for 2020 and 2021. The budget shortfalls due to the pandemic are expected to be between 8% and 20%. This will reduce the MTF approximately \$140,000 to \$340,000. The Engineer indicated that the additional portion of the culvert order has been cancelled, the Central Creek project has been postponed to next year, and some chip seal work may be cancelled. A staff reduction was discussed and one of the temporary/seasonal drivers would be laid off permanently.

The Board discussed the MDOT Engineering Reimbursement program. Commissioner Schaefer motioned to approve the reimbursement application and authorize the Board members to sign the form for submittal to MDOT. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Finance Director presented the 2019-2020 winter maintenance costs to the Board. The total winter maintenance cost was \$915,168.80, with costs to complete winter maintenance down \$8,600 over last year. While the snowfall was less than last year, the costs were similar and can be attributed to an increase in overtime hours needed for winter maintenance this year due to weekend and holiday snowstorms. The season total for this year was 280”.

The Engineer provided an update on the 2020 projects. MDOT is completing the M-26 from Phoenix to Copper Harbor paving this month. We are installing culverts on the Lac La Belle Road, Gay-Lac La Belle Road, Bete Gris Road, Marina Road and Manhattan Street. Culvert crossings will be temporarily paved since paving is expected to begin on August 3rd.

The Engineer presented the Board with a 2016 to 2020 millage project summary, broken down by year and Township. The 5-year countywide millage generated \$1,484,660 and the Road Commission matched that with \$408,804, to complete \$1,893,464 in paving 11.15 miles of roads and streets, with some additional drainage improvements. It was noted that none of these projects would have been completed without the millage funding.

The Engineer and Board discussed scheduling a demonstration and possibly purchasing a compact pavement marking machine that fits on a small truck. The Engineer will schedule a demonstration of a Graco RoadLazer RoadPak and search regionally for any used units on the market.

Other items of routine business were discussed

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm

Joe Waananen, Chairman

Gregg Patrick, Engineer