

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

September 14, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on September 14, 2021.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Olson and Karvonen

Guests: Jim Valsa, Greg Kingstrom, Chris Cronenworth

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm

The minutes of the August 10, 2021 meeting were read and approved by a motion by Commissioner Olson and supported by Commissioner Karvonen. The motion carried.

Vouchers # 28241 and # 28242 and Master Vouchers # 17-2021, # 18-2021 in the total amount of \$574,572.09 were audited by the Commissioners. Commissioner Karvonen motioned to pay the bills as presented. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

Upon review of the monthly financial statement, Commissioner Olson motioned to accept the financial statement as presented. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business:

A meeting was held with Keweenaw County Historical Society and the Keweenaw National Historic Park to discuss the area around the Gay Smokestack. Further discussions will be held within KCHS and with Sherman Township.

The Central property was discussed and which parcels were going to be sold and which were going to be kept for future use. The Board directed the Engineer to discuss the sale of the parcels with the Road Commission attorney and determine an appropriate divesture plan for review in the coming months.

A draft Seasonal Road Policy was presented to the Board for discussion. No action was taken at this time. The policy will be discussed again at the next meeting.

New Building - None

New Business:

The Engineer presented the Board with the Conveyance of Public Road Easement Right of Way for the newly completed segment of Harbor Coast Land, a 66 foot right of way totaling 0.39 miles, with cul-de-sac turnaround gifted from Harbor Coast, LLC and the Partial Release of Easement prepared by Charles Miller, Road Commission Attorney, for the existing snowplow turnaround used at the previous west end of Harbor Coast Lane that is no longer needed. The Engineer informed the Board the new roadway met all required KCRC specifications and testing requirements. Commissioner Olson motioned to accept the new right of way of Harbor Coast Lane as presented and approve the Partial Release of Easement and authorize the Engineer to sign any necessary documents

and record it with the County Clerk. Commissioner Karvonen supported the motion. The motion carried. The Engineer provided an update to the Board on the 2021 pavement projects completed this summer and the Central Creek box culvert installation. The Gratiot Lake Road paving project will be completed by Payne & Dolan, Inc. in June 2022

The proposed 2022 paving projects include the remainder of Cedar Bay Road and Bumbletown Road with the millage funding and their first 2.78 miles of Gratiot Lake Road with 2021 federal and state funding. Federal finding for 2022 will be used for culvert relining projects to extend the service life on the large twin multi plate arch pipes located on the Traverse River (Gay-Lake Linden Road) and Gratiot River (Five Mile Point Road). These pipes are in generally very good condition except for the bottom plates, and current standard approvable replacement options would likely cost between \$600,000 to \$1,200,000 for each crossing.

The Foreman presented the Board with tandem truck and truck equipment pricing from MIDEAL and Sourcewell vendors, along with estimated order placement and delivery times. Based on the prices and delivery dates, Commissioner Karvonen motioned to purchase a 2022 International tandem dump truck from U.P. International, Inc. and a Monroe equipment package through Sourcewell with a total price of \$239,695.00, with delivery expected in 12 to 15 months. Commissioner Olson supported the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Valsa addressed the Board regarding road signage in the Lac La Belle area.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm

Joe Waananen, Chairman

Gregg Patrick, Engineer