

KEWEENAW COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes

July 11, 2013

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held at their offices in Mohawk, Michigan on July 11, 2013.

Present: Commissioners Waananen, Jaaskelainen & Karvonen

Guest: Scott See, Tom Baker, Don Piche, Sean Gohman, Gina Nicholas,
Todd Larson, Gary Heikenen, Don Frantti, Jake Garrow

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

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

Vouchers #28293, #28294 and Master Vendor Vouchers #13-2013, & 14-2013 in the total amount of \$171,136.61 were audited by the Commissioners and the Master Vendor Voucher was signed. Commissioner Karvonen moved to pay the bills. Commissioner Jaaskelainen 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. Heikenen and Mr. Frantti expressed their concerns about the lack of maintenance and road work being done this year on the Bete de Gris Road, including pothole patching. The Engineer and Board explained the lack of patching for the months of May and June were due to a long term breakdown of the patch truck, which has just recently been returned to service. Also, with the lack of adequate road funding, road repairs, rehabilitation, construction and maintenance are difficult to accomplish without enough funds for materials and the necessary manpower. The gentlemen were urged to contact Representative Dianda, Senator Casperson, and Governor Snyder to provide adequate funding for the current Act 51 formula.

Mr. Gohman gave a presentation and an update on the MTU archeological studies performed at the Cliff Mine. Scott See, Tom Baker, Gina Nicholas and Todd Larson also discussed their interests in the Cliff Mine site in regard to historical preservation and watershed improvements. The Board reiterated the only reason for purchasing the property was for the mine rock and it is a valuable road material resource. All of the stakeholders will continue to meet and discuss all options and opportunities available.

The Keweenaw County Historical Society were unable attend the meeting to discuss the possible lease of the Information Booth located at the intersection of Cliff Drive and US-41. They have expressed an interest and will be discussed at a later date.

The Engineer gave the Board an update on the summer construction projects. The Mohawk-Gay Road pavement preservation project was awarded to Payne & Dolan with their bid of \$383,861 and the Gay-Lac La Belle Road guardrail safety project was awarded to Dale Dukes & Sons for the amount of \$84,540. The Tamarack Waterworks Road will be crushed, shaped and double chip sealed, with similar repair segments along the Gay-Lac La Belle Road and Bete de Gris Road. Main Street, between 4th and 5th Street in Gay, will be repaired due to its condition and the pavement preservation project will be starting at that location.

The Engineer presented the Board with information regarding purchasing a used loader from Miller Bradford, a 2008 Case 821E with 1,531 hours that meets our specifications and needs. The current 1980 Trojan will be repaired and kept for pit use. After reviewing and discussing the options and long term equipment needs, Commissioner Karvonen motioned to lease the 2008 Case 821E for a month or two for evaluation, with the option to purchase the loader from Miller Bradford after that time, using a financing package acceptable to Engineer and Finance Director, with 100% of the monthly lease payments going to the purchase price of \$149,225, as stated by Miller Bradford, and purchase a bucket scale option for a not to exceed amount of \$15,000. Commissioner Jaaskelainen supported the motion. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the conflict with the regularly scheduled September Board meeting and the rescheduled Great Lakes Council meeting. On a motion by Commissioner Karvonen with support by Commissioner Jaaskelainen, the Board moved the regular September meeting from Thursday, September 12th to Wednesday, September 11th at 2:00 p.m. to avoid the conflict with the Great Lakes Council meeting. The motion carried.

The Engineer informed the Board that a meeting was held this morning with Fred Gaff, our health insurance representative, to discuss a 1 year extension of the current health care plan with a renewal date of 12/1/13 instead of 1/1/14. This would allow the plan to remain the same until 12/31/14, without the restrictions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. On a motion by Commissioner Jaaskelainen, with support by Commissioner Karvonen, the Board authorized the Engineer to sign and submit the form to Mr. Gaff for further processing with Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Other items of routine business were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Joseph Waananen, Chairman

Gregg M. Patrick, Engineer