

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Iron County was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in the Road Commission office at 800 W. Franklin Street, Iron River, Michigan.

Present for the meeting were Chairman Carl Sholander, Vice Chairman Joe Sabol, Members Ernest Schmidt, Dan Germic, and Charles Battan; Superintendent/Manager Doug Tomasoski, Office Manager/Clerk Darlene Anderson and Attorney Mark Tousignant.

Chairman Sholander led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

It was motioned by Sabol, supported by Battan, to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion carried.

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED To be approved were the minutes of the Audit and Regular meetings of September 13, 2011; two (2) Executive Sessions of September 13, 2011; and a Special meeting of September 20, 2011.

It was motioned by Schmidt, supported by Sabol, to approve the aforementioned minutes as submitted.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion carried.

DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED The disbursements to be approved included Payrolls of \$57,783.69; Prepaid Claims of \$23,970.51; Accounts Payables of \$73,200.54; for a total of \$154,954.74.

It was motioned by Battan, supported by Schmidt to approve the Audit Committee Report dated October 11, 2011 covering the aforementioned disbursements.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Superintendent Tomasoski reported on the following:

- Wright Road (Mansfield Township)—waiting for signed agreement and deposit. Only dirt work scheduled for this year with paving to be done in 2012.
- Premo Dam—Tomasoski said he has been advised that additional paperwork needs to be submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office.
- Staffing—interviews will be scheduled for the next two weeks for full-time and part-time employees.
- Bike Path—he has not heard anything from the County Board yet regarding the road commission administering the Scenic Byways grant.
- With 75% of the year done, 83% of the primary budget has been expended while 70% of the local budget has been spent.
- House Bill 4453—legislation has been introduced which would prohibit public employers from performing construction or rehabilitation work on infrastructure. Tomasoski said he is waiting for an update from CRAM.

- October 15 is “Shake Your Mailbox Day”.
- Correspondence has been received from Attorney Tousignant regarding several cities requesting reimbursement of millage monies from the road commission. Tousignant said there is no litigation pending regarding this matter. He said the cities feel they are entitled to some of the millage money.

Tomasoski reported to the board that he had researched seal coating costs. He said a single seal with no re-gravelling or spot gravelling done was running about \$24,000 for a one mile single seal, and about \$50,000 for a double seal.

DELEGATIONS Mansfield Township Supervisor Dick Dryjanski wanted to know what the crack filling schedule will be for 2012. He said his roads are not being maintained. Superintendent Tomasoski disagreed with Dryjanski saying the crack filling machine finished this season on Way Dam Road. Tomasoski said the foremen know where the machine needs to be and they set the schedule. Commissioner Schmidt said he would like to rent a second machine next year. Commissioner Sholander wanted to know if anything can be done to have the machine heated up and ready to go at 6:00 a.m. He said it is his understanding that the crew is losing work time waiting for the machine to heat up. He suggested trading in the current machine for a more powerful, efficient model. Tomasoski said the foremen come in an hour early to get the machine started so that it is ready when the crew comes in to work.

Walter Tuchowski addressed the board. He thanked them for brushing Kacala Road. Tuchowski said the road needs to be ditched on the east side.

Tuchowski then told the board that he continues to work on getting the sand dredged out from under the bridge between First and Second Fortune Lakes. He said he has talked to Representative Casperson’s office and there is grant money available but a public agency must apply for it. He asked the board if the road commission would be willing to be the applicant for the grant funds.

Superintendent Tomasoski told Tuchowski that the DNR Waterways Division should be the public agency applying for the funds. Tomasoski said the road commission is not responsible for anything under water. He cautioned the board that they should not get involved in a DNR matter. Commissioner Sholander directed Tuchowski to meet with Tomasoski after the meeting to discuss the matter further.

COMMITTEE REPORTS The only committee reporting was Road Restrictions. Commissioner Schmidt said he would like to meet with Superintendent Tomasoski and Commissioner Germic to discuss next year’s road restrictions. Commissioner Battan said he had talked to Sheriff Valensano and was told as long as the road commission kept its “No Load Policy” the sheriff’s office will police the truckers, but, they would not do so if the road commission goes to a partial load policy because then the sheriff would have to purchase scales.

OLD BUSINESS

WEIGHT MASTER See discussion above.

GOALS DISCUSSION Commissioner Sholander said the meeting recently held to identify goals and needs was a good one and he would like to have one more to further prioritize things. He said he would like to see the suggestions from the meeting categorized into one of three groups: maintenance, equipment, and staffing. He asked that the list of items discussed at the September 20 meeting be set out under one of those categories for the board and staff to discuss. He said the board needs to set time limits for goals to be achieved. Sholander said that once the board has set their priorities they can hold Superintendent Tomasoski accountable for them. A special meeting was set for Tuesday, October 25 at 4:00 p.m. Sholander asked Attorney Tousignant to attend the meeting also.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT Tousignant said he had nothing to report pertaining to road commission business but that he is involved in the bike trail, doing the work gratis.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS Commissioner Sabol said he is glad to see that interviews are being scheduled. He said we have to get going on hiring employees. He said the crew is doing a good job on brushing.

Commissioner Schmidt said he would like to take the millage money and purchase a new truck.

Commissioner Sholander said he has heard that there is grant money available for purchasing trucks. He asked the staff to find out. Sholander said he attended a joint CRASIF and Pool workshop. He said they are operating out of the same building now which should be a savings.

Commissioner Battan asked where the winter ice control sand is weighed when it is hauled. Tomasoski said the supplier weighs each load and provides tare slips to us.

At 9:15 a.m. with no further business to come before the board it was motioned by Sabol, supported by Schmidt to adjourn the regular meeting.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Carl Sholander, Chair

Darlene Anderson, Clerk