

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Iron County was held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 3:45 p.m. in the Road Commission office at 800 W. Franklin Street, Iron River, Michigan.

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

Vice Chairman Sabol led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Added to the Agenda under Old Business were Items: A.—Radio Tower, B.—Website, C.—GPS, D.—Garage security and E.—Garage bonds. Added to the Agenda under New Business were Items: F.—Work session and G.—Township bids.

It was motioned by Schmidt, supported by Germic, to approve the revised agenda.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Absent: Sholander
Motion carried.

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED To be approved were the minutes of the Audit and Regular meetings of February 14, 2012.

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

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Absent: Sholander
Motion carried.

DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED The disbursements to be approved included Payrolls of \$78,682.86; Prepaid Claims of \$4,658.96; Accounts Payables of \$137,753.15, for a total of \$221,094.97.

It was motioned by Battan, supported by Schmidt, to approve the Audit Committee Report dated March 13, 2012 covering the aforementioned disbursements.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Absent: Sholander
Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Superintendent Tomasoski reported:

- Plans for the next phase of the Bates Amasa Road and Gibbs City Road projects are being finalized.
- The McNutt intersection and CR424 signing projects will be done this year.
- Truck specifications are being reviewed by committee members.
- The bid letting for the Bates Amasa Road project will be in May.
- The Heritage Trail Bike Path project is moving forward. The next step is to select an engineer for the project.

DELEGATIONS Bates Township Supervisor Grant Helgemo asked when the estimates for the local jobs will be done. Tomasoski said he will probably have them done next week.

Stambaugh Township Supervisor Gene Pellizzaro asked about Baumgartner Road. Tomasoski said it is on the list for this year but the full task force has not met yet to finalize project funding. He thinks a meeting will be held within the next week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS There were no committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS

RADIO TOWER Superintendent Tomasoski told the Board the City of Iron River has agreed to terminate the agreement with the Road Commission once our equipment has been removed from the tower. Tomasoski said Elcom will have it removed in the next two months.

WEBSITE The Board was told the website is still under construction and will be up and running soon.

GPS UNITS Tomasoski told the Board that he had checked on the cost to install GPS units in the trucks and was told it would be between \$400-\$600 per unit and then \$35-\$40 per month per unit to monitor. Totally, he said it would be about \$17,000 for the first year.

GARAGE SECURITY Tomasoski told the Board that installing three exterior cameras and four interior cameras at the Crystal Falls garage would cost approximately \$7,000.

GARAGE BOND Tomasoski told the Board that the garage bonds are being sold on Wednesday. He said in a phone conference with Baird representatives today he was informed that the Road Commission has a "Triple A" rating, which is excellent. He said the annual savings to the Road Commission is estimated to be about \$16,000, but the actual number will not be known until the bonds are sold.

NEW BUSINESS

COMPUTER BIDS Two bids were received and opened: PC Tech and Interwoven Technologies.

It was motioned by Germic, supported by Battan, to authorize Superintendent Tomasoski to tabulate and award the computer bid.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: Sholander

Motion carried.

TRUCK SPECS The truck specs have been sent to three bidders for their comments.

EQUIPMENT REPAIRS It was motioned by Battan, supported by Schmidt, to approve equipment repair costs of approximately \$6,350.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: Sholander

Motion carried.

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS The Board authorized Tomasoski to advertise for construction materials.

SEASONAL ROAD RESTRICTIONS Discussion took place regarding the recent change made by the Board to the season road restriction policy. The new signs have been posted saying "NO LOAD OVER FIVE TONS" per the change, and it has created quite a bit of confusion with haulers.

Tomasoski said he wanted clarification from the Board whether the five ton limit is for the load only or if it includes the weight of the vehicle also.

Commissioner Schmidt said it was his understanding that the five ton limit includes the weight of the vehicle. He said his intent in making the change was to let people with pickup trucks haul a load of firewood without having to get a permit. He said the policy should read "total gross weight of vehicle and load cannot be over five tons".

WORK SESSION The Board scheduled a special meeting for Tuesday, March 20 at 8:00 a.m. for a work session to discuss truck specs, staffing, work rules, and Superintendent Tomasoski's contract. They

scheduled another work session for Monday, March 26 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss truck specs.

TOWNSHIP BIDS Superintendent Tomasoski said the local jobs will be bid out after MDOT bids out their projects in order to take advantage of the prices.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT None.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS Commissioners Schmidt and Sabol commended the crews on the good job done during the recent snow storms.

At 5:00 p.m. with no further business to come before the board, it was motioned by Schmidt, supported by Germic to adjourn the regular meeting.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Absent: Sholander

Motion carried.

Acting Chair

Darlene Anderson, Clerk