

### **REGULAR MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Iron County was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 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, Charles Battan, Dan Germic and Ernest Schmidt, Superintendent/Manager Doug Tomasoski, Office Manager/Clerk Darlene Anderson, and Attorney Mark Tousignant.

Chairman Sholander led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Added to the Agenda under Old Business was Item B.—Heritage Trail License. Added to the Agenda under New Business was Item D.—Crack filling crew and temporary help.

It was motioned by Sabol, supported by Battan, to approve the revised 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 March 13, 2012 and Special Meetings of March 20 and March 26, 2012.

It was motioned by Battan, supported by Schmidt, 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 \$88,523.58; Prepaid Claims of \$71,369.61; Accounts Payables of \$197,985.49 for a total of \$357,878.68.

It was motioned by Sabol, supported by Schmidt, to approve the Audit Committee Report dated April 10, 2012 covering the aforementioned disbursements.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** Superintendent Tomasoski reported:

- The garage bond refinancing has been completed.
- The Task Force met last week and approved projects but was informed that funding may be reduced 30%. Tomasoski said the two projects scheduled for this year, Bates Amasa and Gibbs City Roads should still get funded.
- Force Account work has been restored after being suspended. Tomasoski said the two projects scheduled for this year, the McNutt intersection and CR424 signing will now be done.
- Bid documents for the new trucks will be going out this week.
- Estimates for local road work will be going out in the next week.

**DELEGATIONS** George Brunswick asked about the possibility of getting East Hagerman Lake Road milled this summer. Discussion took place.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** There were no committee reports.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS BIDS** Bid for construction materials were opened and read from the following:

Pavement marking: M&M Pavement Marking, JCS, P.K. Contracting  
Crack filling: Surface Coating Co.  
Cold Patch: Pitlick and Wick, Midwest Gravel

It was motioned by Sabol, supported by Schmidt, to authorize Superintendent Tomasoski to tabulate and to award the construction bids as deemed to be in the best interest of the road commission.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

**HERITAGE TRAIL LICENSE AGREEMENT** The Board discussed a license agreement that would be between the County and the road commission allowing the County to build the bike trail within county right of way.

It was motioned by Germic, supported by Battan, to approve the license agreement between the County and the road commission.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**BATES TOWNSHIP GRAVEL CRUSHING** Discussion took place regarding Bates Township's request for the road commission to share in the cost of crushing gravel in Heikkila Pit, which is a private pit owned by Plum Creek Lumber. The township would then have the road commission put the gravel down on Little Finland, Forsberg, and Heikkila Roads. Commissioner Sholander asked for Tomasoski's recommendation.

Tomasoski said he estimated it would cost the road commission approximately \$40,000 for the material and placement on the roads. He cautioned the board that if they agree to do this it would be contrary to the current local heavy maintenance policy which requires a road to be paved, not graveled. He said if the board decides to do this they should either change the policy or do it on a case by case basis. Commissioner Sholander asked the other board members for their opinion. Commissioner Sabol said he is in favor of doing it. Commissioner Germic asked how the board could justify doing this for Bates Township when other people have come to the board over the years asking for gravel for their roads—Parks Farm Road being an example. Commissioner Battan said he wants to know who is going to pay for establishing the pit and constructing the road into it. Attorney Tousignant said the board should also consider who will own the gravel once it's crushed—the township or the road commission? He said an agreement will have to be drawn up with Plum Creek, also. Tomasoski suggested bidding out the gravel two ways: with the road commission constructing the road and with the contractor doing it, to see what the numbers looked like. Then the board could decide if they even wanted to do it. The board was in agreement with Tomasoski's suggestion. It will be placed on the May meeting agenda for further discussion.

**CRAM CONSTITUTION BYLAWS AMENDMENTS** It was motioned by Sabol, supported by Schmidt, to vote 'yes' on the three amendments to the Constitution bylaws as proposed by CRAM.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

**SUMMER HIRE PAY RATES** It was motioned by Battan, supported by Germic, to keep the summer temporary hire pay rates at \$8.50 for those without a CDL and \$10.00 for those with a CDL.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

**CRACK FILLING CREW AND TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES** Discussion took place about the upcoming summer's crack filling work. Commissioner Sholander told Tomasoski that the board is very concerned with the cracks in the roads and he stressed the importance of getting that work done this summer. He suggested hiring a temporary summer employee to supervise the crack filling crew. Tomasoski said he feels a full time employee should be with the crack filling machine at all times if crack filling is the boards' priority this summer. Different ideas were discussed such as sending the crew home on rain days or paying overtime to do crack filling on Fridays. Commissioner Battan said the summer kids are not going to stay if they are sent home on rainy days.

It was motioned by Schmidt, supported by Sabol, to advertise for a temporary summer employee to supervise the crack filling crew. The rate of pay shall be \$2.00 an hour less than the Heavy Equipment Operator rate and shall not require a CDL. No fringe benefits will be paid.

Ayes: Battan, Schmidt, Sabol, Germic  
Nays: Sholander  
Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT** None.

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS** Commissioners Schmidt said we need to ditch the roads more to preserve what we've got.

Commissioner Sholander said the employees should be trained in how to grade gravel roads. He also encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming CRASIF safety meetings being held this month.

At 9:55 a.m. with no further business to come before the board, it was motioned by Sabol, supported by Battan to adjourn the regular meeting.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

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Chair

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Darlene Anderson, Clerk