

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Iron County was held on Tuesday, May 08, 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, and Attorney Mark Tousignant. Office Manager/Clerk Darlene Anderson was absent.

Chairman Sholander led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Added to the Agenda under New Business was Item E.—CR639.

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

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion carried.

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED To be approved was the minutes of the Audit and Regular meetings of April 10, 2012.

It was motioned by Schmidt, supported by Germic, 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 \$64,180.26; Prepaid Claims of \$6,599.06; Accounts Payables of \$121,560.68 for a total of \$192,560.68.

It was motioned by Sabol, supported by Battan, to approve the Audit Committee Report dated May 08, 2012 covering the aforementioned disbursements.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Superintendent Tomasoski reported:

- The Bates Amasa and Gibbs City Road projects have been submitted. A telephone grade inspection is scheduled for next week.
- Still waiting for final financial obligation on the two safety projects—McNutt intersection and CR424 signing.
- All the summer temporary positions have been filled. Will be filling the temporary crew leader position in the next few weeks.
- The ad to hire a full time heavy equipment operator will be in this week's and next week's papers.
- Waiting for a sample RFP from MDOT for the bike path project.

- All restrictions were lifted on April 23.

DELEGATIONS Mansfield Township Supervisor Dick Dryjanski asked what is going to be done about the bump on Channing Road. Tomasoski said there were several culvert repairs done throughout the county and those will be paved this summer.

Mastodon Township Supervisor Frank Siewiorek asked if any pavement marking will be done this year. Commissioner Sholander said probably none will be done this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS There were no committee reports.

Commissioner Sholander said the recent safety workshops put on by the insurance pool were very informative.

OLD BUSINESS

GRAVEL CRUSHING The only bid for the Heikkila Road gravel crushing was from North Star Crushing and Screening. They bid \$4.99 per ton for 12,500 tons of material, for a total cost of \$62,375.00.

Discussion took place. Commissioner Germic asked if the board is violating their own policy by sharing in the cost of the crushing with Bates Township. Superintendent Tomasoski said this is a deviation of our current policy because the road commission is paying for a portion of the cost for the material as well as putting it down on specific roads designated by Bates Township. Germic wanted to know what happens if the other townships want to do this also. Does the road commission change its policies every time someone asks for something?

Commissioner Schmidt said the road commission is supposed to be maintaining gravel roads and if the township wants to help in the cost of the gravel he thinks it's a good idea. Commissioner Sabol agreed with Schmidt.

Tomasoski said he's concerned that Crystal Falls Township will come to the road commission and expect to be reimbursed for half of the cost of their gravel. Tomasoski said Crystal Falls Township has been paying 100% of the cost of crushing gravel for several years. Tomasoski said the township then allows the road commission to put the gravel wherever the road commission feels it's needed. Attorney Tousignant agreed with Tomasoski's concern. Tousignant said if the board is going to deviate from the policy they should officially amend it. He said policies are needed to give administrative staff guidance in doing the road commissions' daily business.

Commissioner Sholander said if the board wants to go broke again like they did years ago, they should change the policy to the 50/50 they're talking about today. He said the board should study their history before making a decision today.

It was then motioned by Schmidt, supported by Sabol, that the road commission share one half (1/2) of the cost of the gravel crushing with Bates Township, pending approval by the Bates Township Board.

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

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NEW BUSINESS

CHANGE TIME OF JUNE MEETING It was motioned by Battan, supported by Germic, to change the

meeting times of the June 12 Audit and Regular meetings to 8:15 and 8:30 a.m.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion carried.

CULVERT BIDS Culvert bids from the following bidders were opened and read: St. Regis, Contech, and U.P. Concrete.

It was motioned by Sabol, supported by Schmidt, to authorize Superintendent Tomasoski to tabulate and award the culvert bids.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion carried.

TANDEM TRUCK BIDS Bids from the following bidders for two tandem trucks were opened and read: JX Peterbilt, U.P. Truck Center, and Schultz Equipment.

The board reviewed the bids and addressed questions to the bidders in attendance.

It was motioned by Battan, supported by Schmidt, to table awarding the truck bid until Superintendent Tomasoski tabulates them. It was further motioned to schedule a special meeting for Monday, May 14 at 2:00 p.m. to award the truck bid.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion carried.

LOCAL ROAD BIDS Two bids were opened and read from Northeast Asphalt and Bacco Construction for South Ice Lake Road, Wildwood Road and East Brule Road Phase 1 dirt work.

It was motioned by Battan, supported by Schmidt, to table awarding the bid until the May 14 special meeting, pending tabulation of the bids.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion carried.

CR639 Commissioner Battan brought up the issue of cars parking along both sides of CR639 (Pentoga Trail) near Camp Batawagama during pick up and drop off times at the camp. He asked if the road commission could put up No Parking signs on one side of the road or ask the county board to construct a gravel parking lot on the camp's property. Tomasoski said he will contact the camp director and discuss the problem with him.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT Attorney Tousignant advised the board that he has been contacted by Steve Polich regarding the right of way on CR424 near the boat landing. Tomasoski said he also has been contacted recently by Gene Pellizzaro asking about the same right of way as a means to possibly

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installing a lake permit dispenser.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS Commissioners Germic said the recent Commissioners' seminar was

very good. Germic said he was particularly impressed with the GPS presentation. He said he feels GPS has a definite benefit to the road commission.

Commissioner Sabol reported on the recent Great Lakes Council Meeting. Topics included county boards taking over road commission, using full time employees instead of part time employees on the state trunk lines, and membership in CRAM going down. Sabol thanked the truck bidders for working closely with the road commission on the truck bids.

Commissioner Schmidt said a presentation was given at the Commissioners' seminar on a new product called ultra-thin blacktop. Schmidt said regarding county board taking over road commissions, it was an unanimous show of hands from the commissioners attending the seminar that they are not in favor of the insurance pool selling insurance to a county that takes over a road commission. Schmidt said the consensus of the commissioners was why should the self-insurance pool be concerned with helping a county who is taking over the road commission? Commissioner Sholander said a vote is planned in the future about this issue.

Commissioner Battan brought up the matter of whether overtime is going to be paid for crack filling this year. Commissioner Sholander said he feels that decision should be made in August when the crack filling season is winding down. Commissioner Germic said he feels this is a decision that the Superintendent should make. The other board members agreed with Germic and took no action on the matter.

Commissioner Sholander asked Superintendent Tomasoski to send a thank you letter to Mr. Dougovito thanking him for his recent letter regarding a chain saw safety violation he witnessed by a road commission employee who was cutting trees on M69.

As far as the self-insurance fund taking in county boards, Sholander said the more members the Pool has, the lower the premiums for all the member road commissions.

At 9:50 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.

Chair

Darlene Anderson, Clerk