

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Iron County was held on Tuesday, July 17, 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, Office Manager/Clerk Darlene Anderson and Attorney Mark Tousignant. Superintendent/Manager Doug Tomasoski was absent.

Chairman Sholander led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: NEW BUSINESS was moved up in the Agenda to before OLD BUSINESS.

It was motioned by Schmidt, supported by Battan, to approve the change to the Agenda.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion carried.

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED To be approved were the minutes of the Audit and Regular meetings of June 12, 2012.

It was motioned by Battan, 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 \$75,640.67; Prepaid Claims of \$45,896.74; and Accounts Payables of \$131,145.76, for a total of \$252,683.17.

It was motioned by Schmidt, supported by Battan, to approve the Audit Committee Report dated July 17, 2012 covering the aforementioned disbursements.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT In the absence of Superintendent Tomasoski the Board discussed his monthly activity report. Commissioners Schmidt and Sabol brought up the matter of the recent storm damage to Ponozzo Road. Schmidt said it's his understanding that the road commission is buying gravel from the Forest Service at \$1.45 per ton to put on the road. Schmidt said he is not in favor of buying gravel from the Forest Service and he thinks the work should be put off until winter. He said some pit run should be put down to get traffic through again but he feels the Forest Service should be the one repairing the road since they use it the most. The matter was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

DELEGATIONS Walter Tuchowski once again addressed the Board regarding the bridge over First Fortune Lake. Tuchowski said boats can barely get under the bridge due to all the sand that has been deposited from the road. Tuchowski said he has been working with Senator Casperson's office on the problem. He asked the Board why the road commission is dragging its feet getting the grant application

done. He said there is a \$15,000 grant available to do the work but it can't be done without the road commission's approval. Crystal Falls Township Supervisor Tom Lesandrini pointed out that the township doesn't have the equipment to do the job and the bridge is the road commission's responsibility. Commissioner Sholander agreed that the bridge is the road commission's responsibility, but not what's under the bridge. Sholander said Tomaso and Touseignant will review the matter for further discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS There were no committee reports.

NEW BUSINESS

2011 AUDIT REPORT Kevin Pascoe from Anderson Tackman went over the 2011 audit report with the Board. He said the road commission had a very good audit; there were no adjustments required, and everything was where it should be. He explained how the unfunded liability with MERS works, and he encouraged the board to continue to address its long term debt. He commended Clerk Anderson and Payroll Clerk/Administrative Assistant Thalei Burke for the excellent job they do in keeping the road commission's books. The Board thanked Anderson and Burke for their good work.

BRIDGE INSPECTIONS The board tabled action for a special meeting to be scheduled.

GIBBS CITY ROAD RESOLUTION Commissioner Sabol offered the following resolution which was supported by Commissioner Schmidt and unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF IRON, STATE OF MICHIGAN has received the following Michigan Department of Transportation contract:

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| Control Section | EDDF 36555 |
| Job Number | 106122 |
| Project | STP 1236 (012) |
| Fed Item No. | RR 8116 |
| Contract No. | 12-5349 |

And, **WHEREAS, the BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF IRON, STATE OF MICHIGAN** has received the following Michigan Department of Transportation contract:

Hot mix asphalt paving work along County Road 657 from Highway US2 to McNutt Road; including aggregate base, crushing and shaping, shoulder, pavement marking and traffic control work; and all together with necessary related work.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the **BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF IRON, STATE OF MICHIGAN** hereby authorizes Chairman Carl Sholander and Superintendent/Manager Douglas C. Tomaso to sign the above referenced contract.

On a roll call vote:

Ayes: Battan, Schmidt, Sabol, Germic, Sholander

Nays: None

Motion carried.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution offered and duly adopted by the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Iron at a regular meeting held this 17th Day of July 2012.

Signed: _____
Darlene M. Anderson, Clerk

BATES AMASA ROAD RESOLUTION Commissioner Schmidt offered the following resolution which was supported by Commissioner Battan and unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the **BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF IRON, STATE OF MICHIGAN** has received the following Michigan Department of Transportation contract:

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| Control Section | EDDF 36555 |
| Job Number | 116624 |
| Project | STP 1236 (011) |
| Fed Item No. | RR 8109 |
| Contract No. | 12-5350 |

And, **WHEREAS**, the **BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF IRON, STATE OF MICHIGAN** desires to contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for:
Hot mix asphalt paving work along County Road 643 from Snuff Country Road to Highway US141; including aggregate base, crushing and shaping, shoulder, pavement marking and traffic control work; and all together with necessary related work.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the **BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSISONERS OF THE COUNTY OF IRON, STATE OF MICHIGAN** hereby authorizes Chairman Carl Sholander and Superintendent/Manager Douglas C. Tomasoski to sign the above referenced contract.

On a roll call vote:
Ayes: Battan, Schmidt, Sabol, Germic, Sholander
Nays: None
Motion carried.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution offered and duly adopted by the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Iron at a regular meeting held this 17th Day of July 2012.

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OLD BUSINESS

MILLAGE LANGUAGE Attorney Tousignant provided draft millage language to the Board for their review. He explained that his proposed language sets forth the details of the distribution according to State statute, whereas the original language was not adequate for the voters' right to know.

Commissioner Sholander said he feels Tousignant's language is too long and will confuse voters. Sholander said he didn't think it should be the road commission's responsibility to worry about how the money is distributed—that's the County Clerk's job. Tousignant said the language should at the very least reference the statute number to meet the truth in taxation law.

It was motioned by Sabol, supported by Germic, to approve keeping the millage language close to the original language and to include reference to the statute to comply with the truth in taxation law.

Ayes: Schmidt, Sabol, Germic

Nays: Sholander, Battan

Motion carried.

GRAVEL CONTRIBUTION POLICY The matter was tabled for a future meeting.

FLAIL MOWER Master Mechanic Dean Stolberg reported to the board that the flail mower that had been delivered earlier in very poor condition has been repaired and returned by the dealer.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT No report.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS Commissioner Germic said the recent U.P. Road Builders' meeting was very good.

Commissioner Sabol thanked Clerk Darlene Anderson and Payroll Clerk Thalei Burke for their good work and the good audit the board received.

Commissioner Sabol said hiring an equipment operator needs to get done as soon as possible.

Commissioner Battan said he understands the state wants us to do a shouldering job before the end of the summer. He said we need to get that work done.

Commissioner Sholander said this year's insurance refunds are expected to be about half of what they've been in the past due to the uncertainty of how many road commissions may be leaving the Pool if they're taken over by their county.

At 10:00 a.m. with no further business to come before the board, it was motioned by Sabol, supported by Germic, to adjourn the regular meeting.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Chair

Darlene Anderson, Clerk