

SPECIAL MEETING

The Board of County Road Commissioners of Iron County held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at 8:30 p.m. in the Road Commission office, 800 West Franklin Street, Iron River, Michigan.

Chairman Sholander called the meeting to order.

Present were Commissioners Joe Sabol and Ernie Schmidt, Superintendent/Manager Doug Tomasoski, Office Manager/Clerk Darlene Anderson, and attorney Mark Tousignant. Commissioners Battan and Germic were absent.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the following:

1. Ponozzo Road repairs
2. Bridge inspections
3. Premo Dam culvert bids
4. Fortune Lake dredging
5. Millage language
6. Gravel contribution policy
7. Pickup truck auction

FORTUNE LAKE DREDGING Discussion took place regarding Walter Tuchowski's request that the road commission apply for a DNR grant to dredge under the First Fortune Lake Bridge. Superintendent Tomasoski said he wanted clarification from the board what they want him to do about this issue. He said he has been in contact with Senator Casperson's office but has not heard back from them. He said Mr. Tuchowski is claiming that the application for a DNR grant to fund the dredging has not been submitted by the road commission. Tomasoski said the application clearly state that Crystal Falls Township should be the agency applying for the grant. Tomasoski said all that is required from the road commission is a letter stating the road commission is agreeable to the work getting done. Tomasoski said other than that there is nothing for the road commission to do because this doesn't involve us.

Attorney Tousignant cautioned the board that the road commission should have agreements in place to indemnify them before agreeing to any work being done under the bridge. The matter was tabled for the August regular meeting.

MILLAGE LANGUAGE The Board reviewed draft language prepared by Attorney Tousignant for the upcoming road millage. Discussion took place regarding whether taxable or state equalized value should be referenced.

It was motioned by Sabol, supported by Schmidt, to approve the millage language as prepared by Tousignant pending clarification of whether it's taxable or state equalized value that should be referenced.

Ayes: Schmidt, Sabol, Sholander

Nays: None

Absent: Battan and Germic

Motion carried.

GRAVEL CONTRIBUTION POLICY Discussion took place regarding the recent agreement made with Bates Township to share the cost of crushing gravel and putting it down on roads designated by the township. Superintendent Tomasoski said he is concerned that a precedent has been set because he has been contacted by another township asking if they can have the same sort of agreement. Tomasoski said he is also concerned because the township is now setting the maintenance schedule instead of the road commission. He suggested drafting a new heavy maintenance policy to address gravel projects.

Commissioner Schmidt asked why a policy is even needed. He said we should just wait and see how it works out with Bates Township this year before doing anything. Commissioner Sholander disagreed with Schmidt saying a policy is needed. Sholander said if every township asked for the same agreement the road commission could go broke paying to crush gravel. He said the matter needs to be addressed in the next budget and a policy put into place starting in 2013.

PONOZZO ROAD REPAIRS Superintendent Tomaszoski reported that the pit run work is done on the road and 320 tons of gravel was hauled from the Forest Service's pit. He said the price of \$1.45 per ton plus .25 for pit clean up. Commissioner Schmidt said he is not happy paying the Forest Service for gravel. He said the rest of the work should be left until winter to complete.

BRIDGE INSPECTIONS Two bids were received for bridge inspections:

Ayres Associates - \$165 per bridge
AECOM - \$326 per bridge

It was motioned by Schmidt, supported by Sabol, to award the bid for bridge inspections to Ayres Associates at the bid of \$165 per bridge.

Ayes: Schmidt, Sabol, Sholander
Nays: None
Absent: Battan and Germic
Motion carried.

PREMO DAN CULVERT BIDS Three bids were received for the box culvert:

Contech Construction Products, Inc. - \$1,169 per Linear Foot
County Materials Corporation - \$1,109 per Linear Foot
U.P. Concrete Pipe Co. - \$1,324 per Linear Foot

It was motioned by Schmidt, supported by Sabol, that Superintendent Tomaszoski be authorized to tabulate the bids and award to the low bidder.

Ayes: Schmidt, Sabol, Sholander
Nays: None
Absent: Battan and Germic
Motion carried.

PICKUP AUCTION Superintendent Tomaszoski told the Board the Forest Service is having an on-line auction of pickup trucks and he asked permission to submit a bid.

It was motioned by Schmidt, supported by Sabol, to authorize the purchase of up to three vehicles, not to exceed the high end of the blue book value.

Ayes: Schmidt, Sabol, Sholander
Nays: None
Absent: Battan and Germic
Motion carried.

At 9:30 p.m., with no further business to come before the board it was motioned by Schmidt, supported by Sabol, to adjourn the special meeting.

Ayes: Schmidt, Sabol, Sholander
Nays: None
Absent: Battan and Germic
Motion carried.

Chair

Clerk