

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, May 15, 2023 – 1:30 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Houghton County, Michigan, was held at the office in Ripley, Michigan on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Pete Torola Chairman
William H. Siler Vice Chairman
Gene Londo Member
Kevin P. Harju County Engineer
John Cima Assistant Engineer
Lori Budweg Secretary
Roy Britz County Commissioner

GUESTS: Tim Gasperich – Calumet Township, Dennis Raasio – Quincy Township, Jim Siira – Franklin Township

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Pete Torola at 1:30 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to approve payment of bills and payrolls in the amount of \$403,030.61, covered by AP vouchers #22/23-44, #22/23-46, #22/23-47 and #22/23-49, payroll vouchers #22/23-45 and #22/23-48 and to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2023 monthly meeting. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Correspondence was read and discussed.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to approve the posting and advertising process to fill the equipment operator position in Ripley that opens in October when Wally Tahtinen retires. On a voice vote, the motion carried Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, hiring David Johnson to fill the Alston equipment operator position. On a voice vote, the motion carried Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to approve the appointment of Kevin Harju to the CRA General Policy Committee. On a voice vote, the motion carried Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to approve holding the 14th Annual Employee Appreciation Day on August 3, 2023 at 4 PM at Hancock Beach. Costs not to exceed \$1,500. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to adopt the resolution and authorize Kevin Harju to sign and submit the MDOT contract pertaining to guardrail replacement, contract #23-5131 (see attachment). On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to authorize Kevin Harju to sign a Township Service Agreement with Osceola Township for paving projects on various roads as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to authorize Kevin Harju to sign a Township Service Agreement with Chassell Township for Klingville Road & 7th Street. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to submit the MDOT Engineering Reimbursement Form naming Kevin Harju as Licensed Professional Engineer. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to authorize Kevin Harju to proceed with the process of researching to prepare the sale of the Park & Ride on Fire Hall Road to Stanton Township. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to authorize Kevin Harju to sign a Township Service Agreement with Laird Township for China and Carlson Roads. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to authorize Kevin Harju to research the May 2, 2023 Special Election Invoice received from the Houghton County Clerk before approving payment. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to adopt the resolution and authorize Kevin Harju to sign and submit the MDOT contract pertaining to Lakeshore Drive and Calumet Waterworks Road, contract #22-5174 (see attachment). On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m., there being no further business. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

RESOLUTION

Moved by Mr. Siler, supported by Mr. Londo, that the following resolution be unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Houghton County Board of Road Commissioners should enter into an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the purpose of fixing the rights and obligations of the parties in agreeing to the following:

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| Control Section: | EAR 31000; STL 31000 |
| Job Number: | 206734CON; 218438CON |
| Project: | 23A0489; 23A0422 |
| CFDA No.: | 20.205 (Highway Research Planning & Construction) |
| Contract No.: | 22-5174 |

PART A – EAR 31000; JOB #206734CON; 23A0489 – Federal Participation

Hot mix asphalt base crushing, shaping and resurfacing, aggregate shoulders, permanent signing and pavement markings along Lakeshore Drive from M-203 northerly approximately 3.31 miles, including aggregate base, guardrail and culvert replacement; and all together with necessary related work.

PART B – STL 31000; JOB #218438CON; 23A0422 – Federal Participation

Hot mix asphalt base crushing, shaping and resurfacing, aggregate base and shoulders, permanent signing and pavement markings along Calumet Water Works Road from Lakeshore Drive southeasterly approximately 0.29 miles; and all together with necessary related work.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the chairman, Pete Torola, and/or engineer, Kevin P. Harju, be authorized to sign said agreements, proposals and/or construction contracts for the above project.

AYES: Torola, Siler, Londo
NAYS: None

Motion Carried.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution made and adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Houghton County, Michigan held on the 15th of May, 2023.

Lori Budweg, Secretary

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| Control Section: | STUL 31000 |
| Job Number: | 214059CON |
| Project: | 23A0421 |
| CFDA No.: | 20.205(Highway Research Planning & Construction) |
| Contract No.: | 23-5131 |

Guardrail replacement along Twin lakes Road, Askel Road, Donken-Tapiola Road, Palo Road, Torro Road, Tapiola Road, Paradise Road, Freda Road and Superior Road, and all together with necessary related work.

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