

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, October 16, 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, October 16, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

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

GUESTS: Jared Hyrkas, Jim Siira, Dale Peterson, Tim Gasperich

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

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to approve payment of bills and payrolls in the amount of \$1,551,786.90, covered by AP vouchers #22/23-72, #22/23-74, #22/23-75 and #22/23-77, payroll vouchers #22/23-73 and #22/23-76 and to approve the minutes from the September 18, 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 use the P.A. 152 Hard Cap option for 2024. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to approve paying the CRA annual dues in the amount of \$13,138.13. 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 the MDOT Statement of Agreements for the Adjusted Census Urban Boundary for Houghton – Hancock and Calumet - Laurium. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to accept the updated amounts to the USDA grants for 2 motor graders, 2 sander/plow trucks and 2 snow blowers. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to purchase the 2 snowblowers from MacQueen Equipment based on pricing with the current Sourcewell contract. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to adopt resolutions pertaining to Jaasko Road and Anderson Road to correct the Act 51 Mileage. (See attachments) On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to submit the letter to the County Board of Commissioners for approval of the Road Commission Board Compensation as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to accept the P.A. 506 Compliance Report. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to approve the surplus equipment bid as presented and to dispose of the two items without bids. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to set the following dates for regular monthly meetings in 2024. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

January	15	July	15
February	19	August	19
March	18	September	16
April	15	October	21
May	20	November	11
June	17	December	15

Other important dates:

TBD Houghton County Public Hearing for 5-year transportation plan

TBD Rural Task Force meeting for 5-year transportation plan

November 2, 2023 Great Lakes Council Meeting, Baraga

January 4, 2024 Great Lakes Council Meeting, Baraga

February 1-2, 2024 UPRBA Winter Meeting, Marquette

February 6-8, 2024 County Engineer Workshop, Manistee

March 18-21, 2024 CRA Annual Meeting, Lansing

April, TBD, 2024 Commissioner Seminar

May 2, 2024 Great lakes Council Meeting, Baraga

May 21-23, 2024 Finance and Human Resources Conference, Bay City

June 11-13, 2024 UPRBA Summer Meeting, Brimley

September 5, 2024 Great lakes Council Meeting, Baraga

October 2-4, 2024 Superintendents Meeting, Acme

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to authorize Kevin Harju to sign the Mutal Release and Settlement Agreement for the Canal Road repairs following the 2018 Father's Day Flood. 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 apply for a USDA grant to purchase a used quad axle dump truck. 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 2:00 p.m., there being no further business. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

**RESOLUTION TO CORRECT ACT 51, P.A. 1951,
ROAD CERTIFICATION DATA**

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Houghton County, Michigan, held at its office in Ripley, Hancock, Michigan, on Monday, October 16th, 2023, the following matter was considered and a resolution unanimously adopted by said Board as follows:

WHEREAS, 0.86 Miles of Jaasko Road (S71G) in Section 8 and 17, T53N, R36W, Stanton Township, has been maintained by the Houghton County Road Commission for over 30 years, and;

WHEREAS, the Houghton County Road Commission has certified, in error, 0.80 Miles of that road known as Jaasko Road (S71G), from its intersection with Misery Bay Road (S71) to the North, and;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Houghton County Road Commission does hereby accept into its system, the correct distance of 0.86 Miles of Jaasko Road (S71G), and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Houghton County Road Commission Act 51 certification map during calendar year 2023 on map no. 17 be recognized to reflect the corrected distance of 0.86 Miles of Jaasko Road (S71G) in Stanton Township.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YEAS: Londo, Siler, Torola

NAYS: None

I, Lori Budweg, Secretary of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Houghton, do hereby certify that the above resolution was passed by vote of said Board on the 16th day of October, 2023.

Lori Budweg, Secretary

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WHEREAS, 0.59 Miles of Anderson Road (O13A) in Section 20 and 21, T56N, R33W, Osceola Township, has been maintained by the Houghton County Road Commission for over 30 years, and;

WHEREAS, the Houghton County Road Commission has certified, in error, 0.50 Miles of that road known as Anderson Road (O13A), from its intersection with North Cloverland Road (O13) to the East, and;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Houghton County Road Commission does hereby accept into its system, the correct distance of 0.59 Miles of Anderson Road (O13A), and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Houghton County Road Commission Act 51 certification map during calendar year 2023 on map no. 37 be recognized to reflect the corrected distance of 0.59 Miles of Anderson Road (O13A) in Osceola Township.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YEAS: Londo, Siler, Torola

NAYS: None

I, Lori Budweg, Secretary of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Houghton, do hereby certify that the above resolution was passed by vote of said Board on the 16th day of October, 2023.

Lori Budweg, Secretary