

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, November 6, 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, November 6, 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  
Rob Tarvis Secretary  
Roy Britz County Commissioner

GUESTS: 5 members of the public.

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

There was a discussion about Houghton Canal Road during the public comment period.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to approve payment of bills and payrolls in the amount of \$875,119.48, covered by AP vouchers #23/24-03, #23/24-07 and #23/24-08, payroll vouchers #23/24-04, #23/24-05, #23/24-06 and #23/24-09 and to approve the minutes from the October 16, 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 authorize Kevin Harju to conduct interviews for the Equipment Operator position in Ripley. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to approve the purchase of Hi-Vis jackets for employees. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to enter into an agreement with Great Lakes Recovery for their Employee Assistance Program. 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 negotiate with the Houghton County Airport on the purchase of a used loader if it becomes available. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to adopt new Substance Abuse and updated Drug Free Work Place policies. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to raise the nuisance beaver rate from \$35 to \$50 per tail. 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 2:21 p.m., there being no further business. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.