

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, February 19, 2024 – 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, February 19, 2024 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, Glenn Anderson, George Eakin, Kristine Weidner, Marc Franchi

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

Moved by Mr. Siler and seconded by Mr. Londo, to open the Public Hearing for a USDA Rural Development Grant for a used quad axle dump truck at 1:30 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Kevin Harju explained to the board and public, the USDA Rural Development Grant which would be applied towards the purchase price of a used quad axle dump truck.

Moved by Mr. Siler and seconded by Mr. Londo, to close the Public Hearing for a USDA Rural Development Grant for a used quad axle dump truck at 1:31 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to approve payment of bills and payrolls in the amount of \$983,905.90, covered by AP vouchers #23/24-27, #23/24-28, #23/24-30, #23/24-31 and #23/24-34, payroll vouchers #23/24-29, #23/24-32 and #23/24-33 and to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2024 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 Kevin Harju, John Cima and any board member interested to attend the UPRBA Legislative Banquet in Lansing and to pay the banquet fees. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to approve Kevin Harju to apply for a \$50,000.00 USDA Rural Development Grant to apply towards the purchase price of a used quad axle dump truck. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

County Road Millage was tabled until the March meeting.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to authorize Kevin Harju to write a support letter to Stanton Township for a federal grant package they are applying for to do some road work in the Township. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to approve payment of the CRASIF quarterly invoice in the amount of \$10,760.00. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to proceed with the necessary steps in response to a request to purchase surplus land from the Road Commission. The requestor will have the property appraised and it will be put out for public bid. 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 lease with MacQueen Equipment, LLC for a street sweeper. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to approve voting for Doug Mills for the CRA Board of Directors representing the UPRBA. 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 set up a public hearing for the 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement Plan on March 25, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. WUPDR will run the ad. On a voice vote, the motion carried Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to approve advertising of bids for the materials as presented and have the bids due on April 8, 2024. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to pass a resolution authorizing Kevin Harju to submit an application for the replacement of the Bootjack Road Bridge over the Traprock River. (See Attachment) On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to authorize the final payment for Massie Road, Pay Application #10 in the amount of \$197,215.26. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to approve and accept the updated Permits, Licenses, Conditional Uses Fee Schedule as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to adjourn the meeting at 2:09 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, to authorize Kevin P. Harju to submit an application seeking participation in the rehabilitation of the Bootjack Road Bridge over the Traprock River. The application has been reviewed, and is actively seeking participation in the rehabilitation of Structure Number 3420, and is committing the necessary local funds for design and construction engineering in addition to the five percent funding match for the construction phase of the 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 19th day of February 2024.

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Lori Budweg, Secretary

