

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
October 21, 2013 – 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, Hancock, Michigan, on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: William H. Siler Chairman
Kenneth A. Rowe Vice Chairman
Russell Gronevelt Member
Kevin P. Harju County Engineer
John D. Cima Assistant Engineer
Tim Palosaari County Commissioner
Kim R. Sohlden Secretary

GUESTS: Louis Sullivan, Laird Township; Elaine Buchbinder, Torch Lake Township

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, William H. Siler, at 1:30 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Gronevelt, supported by Mr. Rowe, to approve payment of bills and payrolls in the amount of \$ 537,946.74, covered by vouchers #12/13-069, #12/13-070, #12/13-071 and #12/13-073, and payroll vouchers #12/13-068, #12/13-069 and #12/13-074.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Gronevelt, to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2013 regular monthly meeting.

Motion Carried.

Louis Sullivan appeared before the board and stated the South Sidnaw Road is rough, and needs a grader, and more gravel is some areas as a hole has been in the road near a culvert for a year and a half and should be looked at. The road also needs some ditching.

Elaine Buchbinder appeared before the board and stated Chipmunk Trail needs to be crowned so the water will run in the ditches instead of on the road, as it is flowing across the Bootjack Road and damaging her property. Kevin stated the water has run on her property before she purchased it and any alteration of the historical flow would affect other people.

Moved by Mr. Gronevelt, supported by Mr. Rowe, to change approximately 1,300 feet of the Big Traverse Rd, from seasonal to full access year round and be put on the Houghton County Road System, due to residents living there full time, and the road was upgraded, and a new turnaround was constructed.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Gronevelt, supported by Mr. Rowe, to deny the retirement award of \$ 5,000.00 requested by Robert Hookana, due to him retiring 12/06/2013.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Gronevelt, to support the grant application being prepared by the Western U.P. Planning and Development Region Commission to the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget for the Governor's Regional Prosperity Initiative.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Gronevelt, supported by Mr. Rowe, to authorize Kevin P. Harju, to sign the Federal Emergency Management Agency Project Completion and Certification Report, Disaster: FEMA-4121-DR-MI, that have been approved to date, for Emergency and Permanent Work.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Gronevelt, to purchase a 1971 Oshkosh with wing and plow, from the Village of Laurium, for the high bid of \$ 6,000.00.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Gronevelt, to purchase a 2014 Ford Expedition from Copper Country Ford, for \$ 34,500.00, due to them being the lowest bidder.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Gronevelt, supported by Mr. Rowe, to accept the bid of B & B Contracting, for the low bid of \$ 30,500.00, for the Lake Shore Drive box culvert project.

AYES: Siler, Rowe, Gronevelt

NAYS: None

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Gronevelt, to deny the request of Pilgrim Operations, Inc., permission to enter any Houghton County Road Commission property for the filming of Rock Hard Luck, due to any future liability concerns.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Gronevelt, to approve the U.P. County Road Commission annual marketing plan for October 2012-September 2013, which would amount to \$ 884.00 for public service announcements.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Gronevelt, supported by Mr. Rowe, to give all regular employees a \$ 150.00 holiday grocery certificate and to include the wording "not for purchase of any alcohol or tobacco." This would be in effect only in year 2013, due to no wage increase for this year.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Gronevelt, to offer the permanent operator position open in Calumet, to Nicholas Bracco, and if he refuses it, Jeff Maki, would be offered it. The seasonal position's would be offered to, Steve Bigger, Alston; David Spagnotti, and Jeff Maki, Ripley; and Chris Lajimodiere,

Calumet. The other applicants will be tested on their skills and their qualifications and they will be selected for the other positions open.

AYES: Siler, Rowe, Gronevelt

NAYS: None

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Gronevelt, to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m., there being no further business.

Motion Carried.