

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, September 19, 2022 – 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, September 19, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

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

GUESTS: Dale Peterson – Chassell Twp., Tim Gasperich – Calumet Twp., Jared Hyrkas – OHM, Craig Hughes – Hancock Twp.

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

Moved by Mr. Londo and seconded by Mr. Torola, to open the Budget Public Hearing at 1:30 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Kevin Harju explained to the board and public, amendment # 1 to the original 2021-2022 budget and the 2022-2023 budget.

Moved by Mr. Torola and seconded by Mr. Londo, to close the Budget Public Hearing at 1:36 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and seconded by Mr. Londo, to open the USDA Rural Development Grant Public Hearing at 1:36 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.

Moved by Mr. Londo and seconded by Mr. Torola, to close the Rural Development Grant Public Hearing at 1:40 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and seconded by Mr. Londo, to open the Telecommunications Permit Process Public Hearing at 1:40 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Kevin Harju explained to the board and public, the Telecommunications Permit.

Moved by Mr. Londo and seconded by Mr. Torola, to close the Telecommunications Permit Process Public Hearing at 1:42. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to approve payment of bills and payrolls in the amount of \$3,422,514.44, covered by AP vouchers #20/21-71, #20/21-72, #20/21-74, #20/21-75 and #20/21-77, payroll vouchers #20/21-73, and #20/21-76 and to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2022 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. Torola, to approve Lori Budweg and Rob Tarvis to attend the 2022 UPRCF&HR conference in Iron Mountain. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to approve amendment #1 to the 2021-22 budget as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to approve the recommended budget for 2022-23 as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to accept the Telecommunications Permit Process after striking the annual fee from it. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to approve Massie Road payment #2 in the amount of \$278,247.41. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to approve the surplus equipment bid. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to authorize Kevin Harju to submit the application to the PHFoundation for AED equipment and agree to maintain them. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to adopt the HCRC Payment Authorization Prior to Board Approval Policy. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to approve Pewabic Road payment #7 in the amount of \$15,091.26. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo to give the full-time employees, excluding the commissioners, a \$150.00 holiday gift. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to approve hiring six seasonal drivers, 3 – Ripley, 2 – Calumet, 1 – Alston, and to advertise if necessary. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to authorize Kevin Harju to sign the agreement to continue participation in the Great Lakes Recovery Centers Employee Assistance Program. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to adjourn the meeting at 2:17 p.m., there being no further business. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.