

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, October 17, 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, October 17, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

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

GUESTS: Dale Peterson – Chassell Township, Tim Gasperich – Calumet Township, Jared Hyrkas – OHM, Craig Hughes

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, William Siler at 1:31 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to approve payment of bills and payrolls in the amount of \$1,173,050.27, covered by AP vouchers #21/22-78, #21/22-80, #21/22-81, and #22/23-02, payroll vouchers #21/22-79, and #22/23-01 and to approve the minutes from the September 19, 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 Massie Road pay application #3 in the amount of \$1,227,778.36. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

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

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to approve paying the CRA annual dues in the amount of \$12,912.90. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to adopt the resolution and authorize Kevin Harju to sign and submit the MDOT contract for Church, Mine and Wedge Streets, contract #22-5456. (See attachment) On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to use the P. A. 152 Hard Cap option for 2023. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to authorized Kevin Harju to work with the union on a wage adjustment due to high inflation and poor economic times employees are facing. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

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

The 2023 meeting dates were tabled until the November meeting.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, 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. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to authorize Kevin Harju to sign a service agreement with Portage Twp. for work on Green Acres Road. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to move the November 2022 regular meeting from November 7, 2022 to November 1, 2022. 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 purchase a Boss V plow from Montgomery County Road Commission in the amount of \$10,000.00. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to go into a closed session meeting to discuss a letter on a recent legal matter at 2:06 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Issue was discussed according to closed meetings, minutes filed elsewhere.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to go back into an open meeting at 2:39 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to adjourn the meeting at 2:39 p.m., there being no further business. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

RESOLUTION

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Torola, that the following resolution be unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Houghton County Board of Road Commissioners should enter into an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the purpose of fixing the rights and obligations of the parties in agreeing to the following:

Control Section:	STUL 31000
Job Number:	208242CON
Project:	22A0434
CFDA No.:	20.205(Highway Research Planning & Construction)
Contract No.:	22-5456

Hot mix asphalt reconstruction along Church St from US-41 to Mine St, along Mine Street from Church St to Elm St and along Wedge St from Sixth St to Spruce St including earth excavation, subbase, aggregate base, concrete curb, and gutter, drainage, and permanent pavement markings; and all together with necessary related work.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the chairman, William Siler, and/or engineer, Kevin P. Harju, be authorized to sign said agreements, proposals and/or construction contracts for the above project.

AYES: Siler, Londo, Torola
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 17th of October, 2022.

Lori Budweg, Secretary