

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, December 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, December 19, 2022 at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: William H. Siler Chairman-By Phone
Gene Londo Vice Chairman
Pete Torola Member
Kevin P. Harju County Engineer
John Cima Assistant Engineer
Rob Tarvis Secretary
Roy Britz County Commissioner

GUESTS: Pat McLaren, Tim Gasperich

The meeting was called to order by the vice-chairman, Gene Londo at 1:30 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo to open the USDA Rural Development Grant Public Hearing at 1:31 PM. On a voice vote, the motion carried Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Kevin Harju discussed the USDA grant for graders, sander/plow trucks and loader mounted snowblowers with the board and public.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo to close the USDA Rural Development Grant Public Hearing at 1:33 PM. On a voice vote, the motion carried Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to approve payment of bills and payrolls in the amount of \$1,947,491.71, covered by AP vouchers #22/23-06, #22/23-08, #22/23-09, #22/23-11, #22/23-12, #22/23-15 and #22/23-16, payroll voucher #22/23-07, 22/23-10, #22/33-13, #22/23-14 and #22/23-17 and to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2022 monthly meeting. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Correspondence was read and discussed.

Moved by Mr. Torola, supported by Mr. Londo, to approve the use a portion of Cadeau Road and two perpendicular crossings on Alston Ave for a snowmobile trail. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to authorize Kevin Harju and John Cima to attend the County Engineers Workshop. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to authorize Kevin Harju, John Cima, Rob Tarvis, Keith Jenich, Mike Keranen, and any Commissioners wanting to attend the Winter U.P. Roadbuilders. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to authorize Kevin Harju and John Cima to attend the CRA Annual Conference. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to authorize Massie Road Pay Application #5 in the amount of \$50,738.14. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo to authorize Kevin Harju to sign the Quincy Township Service Agreement for No. 7 Flats Rd and No. 2 Rd. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo to authorize Kevin Harju to Apply to the Federal Aid Buyout Program for FY 2024. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to authorize payment of the CRASIF 3rd Quarter Premium in the amount of \$18,611. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to accept the GASB 74 &75 report from Watkins-Ross. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to authorize payments to UPEA for Ripley Creek and Massie Rd projects. In the amounts of \$9,912.50 and \$2,583.10 respectively. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to authorize setting up a new Money Market Account with FDIC protection and a higher interest rate at Incredible Bank. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to adjourn the meeting at 2:18 P.M., there being no further business. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.