

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
April 25, 2016 – 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, April 25, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: William H. Siler Chairman
Kenneth A. Rowe Vice Chairman
Russell Gronevelt Member (by phone)
Kevin P. Harju County Engineer
John D. Cima Assistant Engineer
Kim R. Sohlden Secretary

GUESTS: Louis Sullivan, Leigh M. Austin, Laird Township; Derrick Verran, Crystal Verran, Bruce Peterson, Portage Township

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

Kevin P. Harju explained the proposed construction project on the Boundary Road, from the old Portage Township dump easterly to the Paradise Road, to the residents of Chassell and Portage townships in attendance. He stated the cost would be approximately \$ 185,000.00, and the Houghton County Road Commission would cut down the hill, near the old Portage Township dump, and would replace any culverts needed, using their own forces. Kevin will prepare a letter to Portage and Chassell townships stating their cost portion of the project, and will e-mail it to each supervisor of the township. He felt it would be a good year to do it as asphalt prices are the lowest in the last ten (10) years. Kevin would be authorized to sign a service agreement with each township, providing they want to proceed with the project.

Louis Sullivan appeared before the board and requested some gravel be put on the South Laird Road, as he has seen a grader recently, but it also needs more gravel. He has noticed gravel has been put on the Pike Lake Road, where Dennis Velmer's nephew lives, but felt the south side of M-28 is still not getting it's share of maintenance. He also wants the road blacktopped up to his house.

Leigh M. Austin appeared before the board and requested the Pike Lake Road be improved up to the bridge, as it is used heavily by the loggers and has a bad spot near the bridge. He would like to see it blacktopped to the bridge because of the traffic using it. He also stated Mr. Fedie, Laird Township supervisor has money to spend on improvements. Kevin stated he will e-mail him the next day and would support any project he will sign a township service agreement for.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to approve payment of bills and payrolls in the amount of \$ 874,871.09, covered by vouchers #15/16-34, #15/16-36, #15/16-38, #15/16-39, #15/16-40 and #15/16-42, and payroll vouchers #15/16-35, #15/16-37 and #15/16-41.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2016 regular monthly meeting.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to award bids for Item #1, Dust Pallative, 38% Calcium Chloride, for \$.872/gal. continuous and \$.912/gal. intermittent, to Liquid Calcium Chloride: Item #2, Bituminous Patching Mixture, \$ 145.50/ton, (Calumet 50 ton loads), \$145.50/ton, (Ripley 50 ton loads), for CP-7 to Payne & Dolan, Inc.; Item #3, Winter Sand Delivery to Superior Sand & Gravel, to Calumet, for 4,000 cyds. @ \$ 5.41/cyd. and to Portage Lake Construction, to Ripley, for 5,000 cyds. @ \$ 3.19/cyd.; to Alston, for 500 cyds. @ \$ 6.84/cyd.; to Elo, for 500 cyds. @ \$ 5.88/cyd.; to Kenton, for 500 cyds. @ \$ 14.48/cyd.; Item #4, HDPE Culverts, for \$ 46,132.00, to U.P. Pipe-Prinsco; riveted cmp, Contech was also awarded if needed; Item #5, Crack Sealing Material, (Crafco Asphalt Rubber Plus Type 2, 18% to 24% crumb rubber) for \$ 19,250.00, to Sherwin Industries; Item #6, Crushed Mine Rock, for 10,000 cyds. (Baltic), 1", for \$ 5.24/cyd., for 7,000 cyds.(Kearsarge), 1", for \$ 5.37/cyd. to Valley View Quarry; Item #7, 2016 Construction Projects-Coles Creek Road, Project #1, for \$ 290,444.01, Project #2, for \$ 257,829.61, and Project #1 & #2, for \$ 537,887.46, to Payne & Dolan, Inc. Kevin P. Harju is authorized to sign a township service agreement with Stanton Township, when they decide which projects they have the funds for.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to approve of a 2016 Employee Appreciation Safety Awareness Day, Eighth Annual, to be held at the Hancock Beach, on Saturday, August 13, 2016, at 12:00 p.m., whereas budget issues and safety issues will be discussed. All employees in attendance will be granted five (5) hours of vacation time to be used at a later date. The Road Commission will contribute up to \$ 1,500.00 towards the event as they have in the past.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to set dust oil and culvert prices below;

2016 DUST PALLATIVES
Houghton County Road Commission

	Private Continuous Per gallon	Private Intermittent Per gallon	Government Continuous Per gallon	Government Intermittent Per gallon
Calcium Chloride(.3gal/syd)	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.55	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.15

Note:

1. Continuous Application Rate shall be minimum length of 2000 ft. and at least 12 ft. lane.
2. All applications shall be in increments of 25 ft. in length.
3. Anything over 4 hours to unload truck will be billed as intermittent.

2016 CULVERT PRICES
Houghton County Road Commission

Culvert Size (in.)	Cash & Carry Price (LFT)	Installed or Delivered Price (LFT)
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12"	\$ 5.97	\$ 14.00
15"	\$ 9.53	\$ 15.00
18"	\$ 12.48	\$ 19.00
24"	\$ 18.38	\$ 25.00
36"	\$ 39.36	\$ 45.00
42"	\$ 47.82	\$ 54.00
48"	\$ 62.64	\$ 69.00

Note:

Culverts for Installation or delivery up to 30 ft. long, one per owner per year, add additional \$ 8.00/LFT for installation cost over 30 ft. in length.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to approve the payment of \$ 9,313.00 to the County Road Association of Michigan, for membership service charges, April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to approve the payment of \$ 129,178.00 to the Michigan County Road Commission Self Insurance Pool, for general liability insurance effective 05/01/2016 thru 04/30/2017.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to accept the implementation of the preservation plan for Houghton County Local Bridges to maximize the useful service life of the local bridges under its jurisdiction.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to offer the open mechanic's position to Robert Anderson, if interested, who was the third person on the list of mechanic's that applied for a position, per minutes of 12/21/2015. Kevin will post the heavy equipment operator position open internally, and if no one applies, he will advertise.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to proceed with Petition For Absolute Abandonment request from Brian Sintkowski, for a portion of Second Street, between Block 7, Lot 12 and Block 6, Lot 1, Village of Clark plat, and from M-26, Banfield Avenue to Cedar Street, providing the cost of \$ 500.00 is received.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m., there being no further business.

Motion Carried.