

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
March 14, 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, March 14, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT:	William H. Siler	Chairman
	Kenneth A. Rowe	Vice Chairman
	Kevin P. Harju	County Engineer
	Albert Koskela	County Commissioner
	Kim R. Sohlden	Secretary

GUESTS: Louis Sullivan, Laird Township

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

Louis Sullivan appeared before the board and stated he would like to have the potholes fixed on the South Laird Road. He said it also needs gravel from the bridge to his house. He felt he was not getting the same service as other taxpayers, as he rode around and felt the residents living on Crescent Beach Road, Elm River Township, had more service than him. He requested Kevin to travel on his road to see the shape it was in and Kevin stated he would.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to approve payment of bills and payrolls in the amount of \$ 389,092.20, covered by vouchers #15/16-27, #15/16-29, #15/16-30, #15/16-32 and #15/16-33, and payroll vouchers #15/16-28 and #15/16-31.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2016 regular monthly meeting.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to authorize Kevin P. Harju to submit a Small Urban Program application, with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), for the Coal Dock Road in Franklin Township and School Street in Calumet Township, whereas the maximum amount awarded for each project is \$ 375,000.00.

Motion Carried.

Correspondence was read and discussed.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, that the following resolution be unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Houghton County Board of Road Commissioners should submit an application seeking participation in the replacement or rehabilitation of two (2) bridge structures, as listed. The application has been reviewed, and are actively seeking participation in the replacement or rehabilitation of the structures, and is committing the necessary local funds for design and construction engineering in addition to the five percent funding match for the construction phase of the projects.

1. No. 3416 Superior Road over the Pilgrim River
2. No. 3424 Woodbush Road over the Traprock River

AYES: Rowe, Siler

NAYS: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to accept the 09/30/2015 audit, prepared by Rukkila/Negro and Associates, which Kevin explained to the board.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to authorize Kevin P. Harju to sign the cost agreement for traffic signal control, at the intersection of M-26 and Green Acres Road, submitted by the Michigan Department of Transportation, whereas the cost of installation and maintenance would be split, 50% Michigan Department of Transportation and 50% Houghton County Road Commission.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, that the following resolution be unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

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 construction projects:

Control Section STL 31061
 STL 31141

Job Number 116611A
 128062A
Contract No. 15-5578

Pike River Road from Aldrich Road northerly for approximately 3.4 miles.

Pike River Road from approximately 3.5 miles south of the Lower Worham Road and Pike River Road intersection southerly for approximately 2.1 miles.

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

AYES: Rowe, Siler
NAYS: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, that the following resolution be unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION

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 construction projects:

Control Section STUL 31437
Job Number 126292A
Project STP 1631(007)
Federal Item No. HK 0882
CFDA No. 20.205 (Highway Research Planning & Construction)
Contract No. 16-5104

Fifth Street from Scott Street easterly to Wedge Street and along Red Jacket Road from Wedge Street easterly to Highway US-41.

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

AYES: Rowe, Siler
NAYS: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to move Houghton Canal Road project on the HCRC 5 year Transportation Improvement Plan to 2018 and add Copper City road to 2017 using Category D funds. Copper City road will be a joint project with Keweenaw CRC.

Motion Carried

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, that the meeting be adjourned at 2:25 p.m., there being no further business.

Motion Carried.