

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
May 16, 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, on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: William H. Siler Chairman
Kenneth A. Rowe Vice Chairman
Kevin P. Harju County Engineer
John D. Cima Assistant Engineer
Tim Palosaari 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.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to approve payment of bills and payrolls in the amount of \$ 332,460.22, covered by vouchers #15/16-43, #15/16-45 and #15/16-46 and payroll vouchers #15/16-44 and #15/16-47.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2016 regular monthly meeting.

Motion Carried.

Correspondence was read and discussed.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to approve of the appointment of Kevin P. Harju on the 2016-2017 Board of Directors, as an alternate, and the Legislative Review Committee, as an alternate, for the County Road Association of Michigan.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to name Kevin P. Harju, P.E. as the Road Commission's licensed professional engineer and to have the board sign the Engineering Reimbursement form submitted by the Michigan Department of Transportation reimbursing the Road Commission \$ 10,000.00 for employing a licensed professional engineer.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to authorize Kevin to advertise for a Heavy Equipment Operator, in Ripley, due to upcoming retirements.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to authorize Kevin P. Harju, to advertise for a certified welder/mechanic due to an upcoming retirement, and notify David Dostaler that a welders certificate is required to apply for the welder position advertised.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to add 155' of Birch St, located in east Houghton, Royalewood area, Portage Township, to the Houghton County Road Commission road system, and be added to the Act 51 report and certification map.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to authorize Kevin P. Harju to sign the township service agreement with Stanton Township, for Phase I & Phase II on Coles Creek, for \$ 537,887.46, due to savings by the township, and the Houghton County Road Commission saving money by combining the projects. The Houghton County Road Commission will advance the township \$ 87,887.46 until they receive the winter taxes in 2017-2018, so both projects can be done.

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	BO 31008
Job Number	122991A
Project	BO 1631(009)
Federal Item No.	RT 0391
Structure	#3410
CFDA No.	20.205 (Highway Research Planning & Construction)
Contract No.	16-5173

Rehabilitation work for the structure #3410, which carries South Laird Road over the West Branch of the Sturgeon River, Sections 11 & 12, T50N, R36W, Laird Township, Houghton County, Michigan.

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 authorize Kevin P. Harju, to advertise to accept bids, for a USDA Rural Development paving project on Cemetery and Angman roads, Schoolcraft Township, with a

project proposed cost of \$ 400,000.00, and authorize Kevin P. Harju to sign the township service agreement.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, that the meeting be adjourned at 2:10 p.m., there being no further business.

Motion Carried.