

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, October 17, 2016 – 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
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 said he felt the contractor that did the blacktopping on the South Laird Bridge should have fixed the approaches to the bridge, instead of the Houghton County Road Commission employees. Kevin stated there was only a small amount of corrective work to be done, and was more efficient to have the Houghton County Road Commission employees do the work. He also stated he was on the Mink Farm Road and said the Houghton County Road Commission employees were ditching without the outriggers down on the excavator, and felt it was unsafe.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Gronevelt, to approve payment of bills and payrolls in the amount of \$ 1,162,844.90, covered by vouchers #15/16-70, #15/16-72, #16/17-01 and #16/17-02, and payroll vouchers #15/16-71 and #16/17-03.

Motion Carried

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Gronevelt, to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2016 regular monthly meeting.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Gronevelt, to sell the 2006 Ford Expedition, #111, and 1999 Ford Pickup F-150, #134, as they are excess equipment, and award to the highest bidder.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Gronevelt, to set the following dates for regular monthly meetings in 2017.

January	16	July	17
February	20	August	21
March	20	September	18
April	24	October	16
May	15	November	13
June	19	December	18

Other important dates:

TBD, 2017 HCRC Public Hearing for 5 year transportation improvement plan

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January 31-February 2, 2017 County Engineer Workshop, Manistee

February 9-10, 2017 UPRB Winter Meeting, Marquette

March 14-16, 2017 CRAM Annual Meeting, Lansing

April 9-11, 2017 Commissioner Seminar, Bay City

May 16 -18, 2017 Finance and Human Resources Conference, Harbor Springs

June 14-15, 2017 UPRBA Summer Meeting, Harris

July 19-20, 2017 MCRCSIP and CRASIF Annual Meeting, Mt. Pleasant

October 4-6, 2017 Superintendents Seminar, Manistee

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Gronevelt, supported by Mr. Rowe, to give all regular employees a \$ 150.00 holiday grocery certificate and to include the wording "not for purchase of any alcohol or tobacco".

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Gronevelt, to sign the agreement for the Employee Assistance Program for October 1, 2016 thru September 30, 2017 with the Great Lakes Recovery Centers.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Gronevelt, to make a list of most qualified applicants for the Payroll Clerk/Accountant position open, and have Kevin P. Harju, Kenneth A. Rowe and Kim R. Sohlden interview the individuals and make a recommendation to the board. There would be a six (6) month probation period, and an offer would be made to the most qualified position.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Gronevelt, to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 p.m., there being no further business.

Motion Carried.