

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, February 20, 2017 – 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, February 20, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: William H. Siler Chairman
Gene Londo Member
Kevin P. Harju County Engineer
John D. Cima Assistant Engineer
Kim R. Sohlden Secretary

GUESTS: Louis Sullivan, Laird Township: Mary Sears, Franklin 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 requested the Cemetery Road be plowed just a little further, as he has a relative living there full time. Kevin stated he will look into it and request it be plowed past the full time residence.

Mary Sears appeared before the board and asked about the Coal Dock and Pontiac Road. Kevin stated the Houghton County Road Commission got the final approval on a grant for 2019 for the improvement of the Coal Dock Road, and will figure an estimate on the Pontiac Road for the expenditure of approximately \$200,000.00, which the township would like to spend. Kevin will also get her a copy of the Houghton County Road Commission five (5) year plan. She also asked about a special assessment and Kevin stated one township tried it three (3) times and it never passed.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Siler, to approve bills and payrolls in the amount of \$ 623,356.29, covered by vouchers #16/17-24, #16/17-25, #16/17-27, #16/17-28 and #16/17-30 and payroll vouchers #16/17-23, #16/17-26 and #16/17-29 in the amount of \$ 623,356.29.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Siler, to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2017 regular monthly meeting.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Siler, to approve of the Upper Peninsula Road Builders' Association 2017 Committee Assignments, whereas Kevin P. Harju would serve on the Legislative Committee as Vice Chairman, State Maintenance Committee as Vice Chairman and on the Scholarship Committee as Chairman, and John Cima on the Engineering Committee as Chairman, and the Scholarship Committee, and Kim R. Sohlden on the Human Resource & Finance Committee.

Motion Carried.

Correspondence was read and discussed.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Siler, to nominate James M. Iwanicki, Marquette County Road Commission, as the individual to be placed for nomination by the Nominating Committee, on the board of directors ballot, for the County Road Association of Michigan.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Siler, to support the four ballot amendments on September 14, 2016 and October 17, 2016, Proposed Amendment #1, Proposed Amendment #2, Proposed Amendment #3 and Proposed Amendment #4 and support the two ballot amendments on January 20, 2017, Proposed Amendment #1 and Proposed Amendment #2, to amend the County Road Association (CRA) of Michigan's Constitution and Bylaws (CBL).

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo, 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 31141, STL 31555
Job Number	120155A; 131194A; 133101A
Project	STP 1731(003); STP 1731(002); STP 1731(004)

Federal Item No. RT 0573: RT 0572: BB 0062
CFDA No. 20.205 (Highway Research Planning & Construction)
Contract No. 17-5010

Hot mix asphalt base crushing, shaping, and resurfacing work along Rice Lake Road from Sawmill Road easterly to Paradise Lane, including aggregate base, shoulder, traffic control, and pavement marking work; and all together with necessary related work.

Culvert replacement work along Rice Lake Road from Sawmill Road easterly to Paradise Lane; and all together with necessary related work.

Hot mix asphalt base crushing, shaping and resurfacing work along Cooper City Road from Highway US-41 easterly to Osceola Street; including aggregate base, shoulder, traffic control, and pavement marking work; and all together with necessary related work.

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: Londo, Siler
NAYS: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Siler, to agree to deposit , each year, up to 80% or the hard cap amount from P.A. 152 of the yearly cost of health insurance obtained by Pamela (Heide) Olgren, into a retiree health savings program, she obtains, for three (3) years, due to her retiring from the Houghton County Road Commission.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Siler, to authorize Kevin P. Harju to sign the governmental equipment lease agreement for the Houghton County Road Commission, with Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation, for two (2) caterpillar motor graders, 160M3AWD, serial numbers, #N9T00197 and #N9T00198.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Siler, to authorize Kevin P. Harju to negotiate a donation or a yearly lease, of \$7,500.00 for tower space on the Houghton County Road Commission Donken Radio Tower, commencing 12/01/2016, due to increasing costs.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Siler, to authorize the engineer to advertise for bids for Dust Pallatives, Bituminous Patching Mixture, Winter Sand, Culverts and Crushed Mine Rock.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Siler, to hire six (6) seasonal students, for crack sealing operation, (\$13.07/hr.), Ripley and Calumet maintenance and also for the engineering department, (\$14.53/hr.), with preference to individuals who will be attending college in the fall.

Motion Carried.

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

Motion Carried.