

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

PRESENT:	William H. Siler	Chairman (By Phone)
	Kenneth A. Rowe	Vice Chairman (By Phone)
	Gene Londo	Member
	Kevin P. Harju	County Engineer
	Kim R. Sohlden	Secretary
	Ray Saatio	Superintendent

GUESTS: Louis Sullivan, Laird Township; Margaret Champagne, Shiela Laitinen, Arnold Laitinen, Mary Laitinen, 2nd Street, Ripley, Franklin Township.

The meeting was called to order by the Member, Gene Londo, at 1:30 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Siler, supported by Mr. Rowe, to approve bills and payrolls in the amount of \$452,173.32, covered by vouchers #16/17-31 and #16/17-33 and payroll vouchers #16/17-32 and #16/17-34.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2017 regular monthly meeting.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to authorize Kevin P. Harju, to apply for a Transportation Economic Development Fund Category F grant, as the Michigan Department of transportation Office of Economic Development is currently accepting application for Fiscal Year 2019. The project would be on the Superior Road, from Moyle's pit, southerly. The Houghton Canal Road, from M-26 west to the U.P. Power facility would also be included in the application.

Motion Carried.

Mary Laitinen appeared before the board and requested the Houghton County Road Commission use less sand on 2nd and 3rd street in Ripley, as they said that their yard is full of sand from it being used during the winter.

Arnold Laitinen appeared before the board and said he felt that his yard is full of sand from the excessive usage during the winter and would like to see less sand used in the future.

Kevin stated he will monitor it and felt because of the amount of snow in December 2016, it had to be sanded due to it being slippery. He felt because of the unusual winter, the sanding of Ripley should continue, as was done in the past.

Moved by Mr. Siler, supported by Mr. Rowe, to authorize Kevin P. Harju, to negotiate a settlement with Mr. Randel on the garage being built in the middle of the Rabbit Bay Road right-of-way, and propose him to move the garage right against his house and spin it so the garage doors would open on the north side, and would possibly allow him to encroach in the right-of-way with his garage.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION
FOR
ABSOLUTE ABANDONMENT

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Houghton County, Michigan, held at its office in Ripley, Hancock, Michigan, on Monday, March 20, 2017, the following matter was considered and a resolution unanimously adopted by said Board as follows:

Upon receipt of a petition for Abandonment and Discontinuance containing the names of all the owners and occupants abutting below described street and upon receipt of a certified list of the names and addresses of the aforementioned owners and occupants whose number exceeds that required by Michigan Statute, the Houghton County Board of Road Commissioners therefore determines "That it is in the best interest of the public that said street shall be absolutely abandoned and discontinued."

Description: portion of Second Street, Plat of the Village of Clark between M-26 and the State of Michigan snowmobile trail further described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwesterly corner of Lot 1, Block 6, Village of Clark, thence S 32° 07' E along the Southwesterly line of said lot 1, 110 feet; thence S 57° 53' W, 60 feet to the Southeasterly corner Lot 12, Block 7, Village of Clark, thence N 32° 07', along the Northwesterly line of said Lot 12, 110 feet; thence N 57° 53' E along the Southeasterly right-of-way of M-26, 60 feet to the Point of beginning in Osceola Township, Michigan.

RESOLVED, that a copy of said resolution be sent to the clerk of Houghton County, the township of Osceola, and Michigan State Transportation Commission.

AYES: Siler, Rowe, Londo
NAYS: None

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Siler, supported by Mr. Rowe, to accept the final 2016 Act 51 report, Road Certification Data, and authorize the chairman, William H. Siler, to sign it.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Siler, supported by Mr. Rowe, to approve to participate in the MERS Health Care Savings Program Agreement, for the group, Payroll Clerks hired before 2015.

Motion Carried.

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

Motion Carried.