

MINUTES OF EGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, September 18, 2017 – 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Kenneth A. Rowe Vice Chairman
Gene Londo Member
Kevin P. Harju County Engineer
John D. Cima Assistant Engineer
Kim R. Sohlden Secretary
Robert P. Tarvis Jr. Secretary

GUESTS: Louis Sullivan, Laird Township; Frances Peterson, Chassell Township

The meeting was called to order by the vice chairman, Kenneth A. Rowe, at 1:30 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Rowe, to open up to a public hearing to discuss the 2017-2018 budget.

Motion Carried.

Kevin P. Harju explained to the board the 2017-2018 budget summary, and amendment #1 to the original 2016-2017 budget.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Rowe, to close the public hearing at 1:40 p.m., as no comment from the public was offered.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Rowe, that the 2017-2018 Houghton County Road fund general appropriation act be approved as follows:

1. The County Road Commission engineer is designated chief administrative officer and the office manager is designated fiscal officer.
2. The chief administrative officer and fiscal officer are both authorized to transfer up to 25 percent of a line item amount approved in the General Appropriation Act to another line item without prior approval, but subject to approval of the Board of County Road Commissioners at their next board meeting.
3. The expenditure amount approved in the General Appropriations Act for Distributive Expense shall be allocated to the various other expenditure line items in the same proportion as the allocation of actual Distributive Expense at year end.
4. The sum of up to 30 percent (30%) of the total funds allocated to the Primary Road system for the year 2016-2017 be transferred to the Local Road system.

Motion approved by roll call vote, 2 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Rowe, to adopt the amended budget #1 to the original 2016-2017 Houghton County Road Commission budget as follows:

Motion Carried.

Frances Peterson appeared before the board and stated they are getting an enormous amount of water on their private road and would like some help from the Houghton County Road Commission to fix the problem. She stated they have to wear boots to get their mail, and felt a culvert on the South Entry road would help so some of the water would flow to the west side of the road. She said Chassell Township would reimburse them, up to \$ 2,000.00, for gravel they purchase on the private road. Kevin told her he would look at the drainage again in the spring, as the construction season is coming to an end.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Rowe, to approve the bills and payrolls in the amount of \$ 423,598.75, covered by vouchers #16/17-68 and #16/17-69 and payroll vouchers #16/17-67 and #16/17-70.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Rowe, to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2017 regular monthly meeting.

Motion Carried.

Correspondence was read and discussed.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Rowe, to support Public Act 51, Annual Certification of Employee-related conditions, for the certification year 2017, required by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Rowe, to support the Houghton County Road Commission PA 506 Compliance Information Transparency Dashboard.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Rowe, to sign the agreement for the Employee Assistance Program for October 1, 2017 thru September 30, 2018 with the Great Lakes Recovery Centers.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Rowe, to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 p.m., there being no further business.

Motion Carried.