

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, November 13, 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, November 13, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

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

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

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, William H. Siler, at 1:30 p.m.

Dale Peterson appeared before the board and asked how the Houghton County Road Commission decides which road in each township needs improvement. Kevin stated each year they prepare a five (5) year plan, which is on the Houghton County Road Commission web site. Each township road committee is relied on to specify which roads they want improved, and an estimate is prepared when requested. Dale thanked the board for the improvement on the North Entry Road and South Entry Road.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Londo, to approve payment of bills and payrolls in the amount of \$ 847,587.51, covered by vouchers #17/18-03, #17/18-05, and #17/18-06, and payroll vouchers #17/18-04 and #17/18-07.

Motion Carried.

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

Motion Carried.

Correspondence was read and discussed.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Rowe, to go with the hard cap of PA 152 for health insurance.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Rowe, to set the following dates for regular monthly meetings in 2018.

January	15	July	16
February	19	August	20
March	26	September	17
April	23	October	15
May	21	November	12

June 18

December 17

Other important dates:

TBD Houghton County Public Hearing for 5 year transportation plan

TBD Rural Task Force meeting for 5 year transportation plan

February 13-February 15, 2018 County Engineer Workshop, Bellaire

February 8-9, 2018 UPRB Winter Meeting, Marquette

March 13-15, 2018 CRAM Annual Meeting, Lansing

April, 2018 Commissioner Seminar

May, 2018 Finance and Human Resources Conference

June 6-7, 2018 UPRBA Summer Meeting, Brimley

July, 2018 MCRCSIP and CRASIF Annual Meeting, Mt. Pleasant

October, 2018 Superintendents Seminar

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Londo to authorize the Kevin Harju, the County Highway Engineer, to sign the deed selling the old office and surrounding property to Houghton County for \$100,000 with the condition if Houghton County sells or conveys title to the parcel or any portion(s) thereof for a total consideration of in excess of \$100,000, an amount equal to one-half of the amount by which the sale consideration exceeds \$100,000.00. will be paid by the County of Houghton at closing to the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Houghton. If any breach of this condition occurs, title to the above parcel or portion so conveyed will revert to the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Houghton 10 days after the closing.

Motion Carried

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Londo, to participate in the Great Lake Council PSA, splitting costs with other participating County Road Commissions, for a total of \$ 1,125.00.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Rowe, to approve to participate in the MERS Health Care Savings Program Agreement, for the group, Employees eligible for retiree health care opt out, and authorize Kevin P. Harju to sign the agreement.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Rowe, to hire Watkins Ross to prepare the Houghton County Road Commission OPEB Valuation needed under GASB 45, for \$ 3,700.00.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Rowe, to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m., there being no further business.

Motion Carried.