

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, March 23, 2020 – 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, Michigan, on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: William H. Siler Chairman - By phone
Gene Londo Vice Chairman
Kevin P. Harju County Engineer
Lori Budweg Secretary
John Cima Assistant Engineer
Roy Britz County Commissioner

GUESTS: Jared Hyrkas - OHM, Louis Sullivan, Greg Kingstrom - UPEA, Pete Torola – Chassell Township

The meeting was called to order by the vice-chairman, Gene Londo at 1:30 PM.

A moment of silence was held for Ken Rowe Sr.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to approve the payment of bills and payrolls in the amount of \$695,601.99 covered by AP vouchers #19/20-29, #19/20-30, #19/20-31, #19/20-33, #19/20-34 and #19/20-036, payroll vouchers #19/20-32 and #19/20-35.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2020 monthly meeting.

Motion Carried.

Correspondence was read and discussed.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler to approve the payment of two audit bills to Houghton County Controller totaling \$6,184.50.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler to adopt a resolution entering into an agreement with MDOT pertaining to work to be done on Rockland Street and Lake Linden Avenue. (See attachment)

Motion Carried

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler to pay the invoice from Gorno Ford, Inc. for the cab and chassis for two patching trucks in the amount of \$91,230.00.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler to adopt a resolution entering into an agreement with MDOT pertaining to work to be done on Old Mill Hill Road. (See attached)

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler to increase the rate of pay for the Weighmasters to \$30.00/hour, retroactive for 2020.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler to approve the HCRC 2020 Bridge Asset Management Plan.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler to approve the ACT 51 Road Certification for Aho Road, Chassell Township. (See attached)

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler to award CE as presented for the remaining Father's Day Flood Repairs & Construction for 2020 and authorize Kevin Harju, County Highway Engineer to negotiate the contract with UPEA for Coles Creek Road and Old Mill Road and Traverse Engineering for Coal Dock Road. UPEA was selected to finish the FEMA project designs on Second Street, Ripley, Lower Massie Road and Upper Point Mills Road (culverts).

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler to authorize the engineer to advertise bids for Dust Pallatives, Bituminous Patching Material, CP-7, Winter Sand Delivery, Riveted CMP Culverts and Crack Sealing Material. The winter sand will come from the Gay Stamps Sands in Keweenaw County. The Keweenaw County Road Commission Board approved this removal at no charge to the HCRC and we have access to it whenever needed.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler to authorize Kevin Harju, County Highway Engineer to approve payment of bills up to five million dollars without Board approval in the event we cannot have a meeting due to COVID-19. Payments will be reviewed at the next HCRC regular scheduled meeting.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 PM, there being no further business.

Motion Carried.