

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, September 21, 2020 – 1:30 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Houghton County, Michigan, was held virtually (for the general public) on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT:	William H. Siler	Chairman
	Gene Londo	Vice Chairman(virtually)
	Peter Torola	Member
	Kevin P. Harju	County Engineer
	Rob Tarvis	Secretary
	John Cima	Assistant Engineer
	Lori Budweg	Payroll Clerk
	Roy Britz	County Commissioner

VIRTUAL GUESTS: Doug Mills, Jared Hyrkas, Garrett Neese, Tyler Markle, Bruce Woodry, Chris Woodry, Carol (no last name listed)

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Bill Siler at 1:30 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None were made.

Moved by Mr. Torola and seconded by Mr Londo to open the public hearing.

Motion carried.

Kevin Harju explained to the board amendment # 1 to the original 2019-2020 budget and the 2020-2021 budget.

Moved by Mr. Londo and seconded by Mr. Torola to close the Public Hearing.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to approve the payment of bills and payrolls in the amount of \$1,961,514.77 covered by AP vouchers #19/20-69, #19/20-70, #19/20-72, #19/20-73 and #19/20-75, payroll vouchers #19/20-71 and #19/20-74 and the minutes from the August 17, 2020 monthly meeting.

Motion Carried.

Correspondence was read and discussed.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo to approve Amendment #1 to the 2019-2020 Budget.

Motion Carried

Moved by Mr. Torola, supported by Mr. Londo, that the 2020-2021 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 2019-2020 be transferred to the Local Road system.

Motion approved by roll call vote, 3 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo to approve pay estimate #2 for the Coles Creek Project.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola to have Kevin Harju sign the agreement to participate in Great Lakes Recovery Centers Employee Assistance Program.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola to approve a Resolution to Correct Act 51 Road Certification Data (see attachment).

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo to vote Yes to the Amendment approving changes to the MCRCSIP By-Laws.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo to approve getting rid of the surplus equipment as listed.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo to hire six seasonal drivers (3-Ripley, 2-Calumet and 1-Alston)

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo to offer the open Mechanic position to Luke Eskola

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo to acknowledge County Road E 83 was improperly removed from our Act 51 system and should be added back as a seasonal road.

Kevin Harju explained to the board the status of County Road W 83, located in Elm River Township, Land in Township Fifty-two(52) North, Range Thirty-six(36) West, in Section Twenty-seven(27) and Twenty-eight(28) , described as follows: The Southeast Quarter(SE1/4) of Section Twenty-eight(28) and the Southwest Quarter(SW1/4) of Section Twenty-seven(27). He stated that the road had been deleted from Act 51 in 1988 and felt because proper procedure was not followed, by not contacting affected property owners and holding a Public Hearing, County Road W 83, is still a Seasonal County Road. The affected land owners and DNR will be notified of HCRC's decision.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo to approve sending out a Bid Notice for the purchase of a Skid steer Loader and a Road Widener.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo to accept the P.A. 506 Compliance Report.

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chris Woody addressed the Board with questions pertaining to the Coles Creek Project.

Bruce Woody addressed the Board with questions pertaining to the Coles Creek Project.

Kevin Harju informed them that HCRC did not order the removal of the private water line supplying water to the houses on the bottom of Coles Creek Road. Since an attorney has been retained by the Chris Woody all further questions and comments should be made through legal counsel.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo to adjourn the meeting at 2:19 PM, there being no further business.

Motion Carried.