

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, October 19, 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, October 19, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.

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

VIRTUAL GUESTS: Jared Hyrkas, Garrett Neese, Tyler Markle, Bruce Woodry, Chris Woodry, Alex Hirzel, Brian DeBernardi, Mark Sellers, Horst Schmidt, Don Manninen

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

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to approve the payment of bills and payrolls in the amount of \$1,295,184.72 covered by AP vouchers #19/20-76, #19/20-78, #19/20-79, and #20/21-02 payroll vouchers #19/20-77 and #20/21-01 and the minutes from the September 21, 2020 monthly meeting.

Motion Carried.

Correspondence was read and discussed.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo to accept the HCRC 2020 Surplus Equipment Bids, excluding the bids for #9, Misc. Scrap Metal and #15, Metal Shaper as they can be sold for more as scrap.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola to give the full-time employees a \$150.00 holiday gift card.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola to adopt the Title VI Discrimination Policy and Plan.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo to pay the CRA 2020-2021 membership service charges.

Motion Carried.

Meeting dates for 2021 are tabled until the November meeting.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo to approve the bid for the Skid Steer Loader from Northland Lawn, Sport & Equipment. Mr. Sellers, Mr. DeBernardi and Mr. Manninen addressed the board on their respective bid.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola to approve the bid for the Road Widener from McCoy Construction. Mr. Sellers and Mr. DeBernardi addressed the board on their respective bid.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola to post internally and then advertise for a heavy equipment operator position.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola to accept the Legal Opinion advice from William L. Henn of Henn Lesperance PLC, Attorneys at Law regarding Coles Creek Road. Kevin told attendees, that wanted a copy of the letter, to call the Road Commission Office and a copy would be emailed to them.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola for the HCRC Officers to remain the same for the next two years; Mr. Siler – Chairman, Mr. Londo – Vice-Chairman, and Mr. Torola – Member.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo to accept the gift of lot #002-402-091-00 at 56682 Mine Street, Calumet Township, at no cost to the road commission, and also approved the Chairman to sign the deed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola to adjourn the meeting at 2:31 PM, there being no further business.

Motion Carried.