

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, January 16, 2023 – 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, January 16, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

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

GUESTS: Tim Gasperich, Dennis Raasio, Jared Hyrkas

The meeting was called to order by Engineer/Manager Kevin Harju at 1:30 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Siler, to go back to previous practice with Board Officers and rotate every two years which would make Pete Torola Chairman, Bill Siler Vice Chairman and Gene Londo Member for the next two years. On a voice vote, the motion carried Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to continue the current classification of a portion of No. 2 Rd in Quincy Township as a seasonal plowed road. On a voice vote, the motion carried Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to approve payment of bills and payrolls in the amount of \$596,737.96, covered by AP vouchers #22/23-18, #22/23-19, #22/23-21 and #22/23-22, payroll voucher #22/23-20, 22/23-23 and #22/23-24 and to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2022 monthly meeting. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Correspondence was read and discussed.

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Siler, to change the 2024 Federal Aid Buyout from N. Cloverland Rd to Tapiola Rd. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to approve the Additions and Deletions on MDOT Form 2008E and authorize Chairman Pete Torola to sign the Act 51 Certification. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to authorize Kevin Harju, John Cima, Keith Jenich, Mike Keranen, Doug Hermanson and Keith Anderson to be Weighmasters and approve the Weighmaster contract for Keith Anderson and Doug Hermanson to sign. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, To request a renewal of the 10-year (2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033) County Road Mileage at 1.3690 mills be adopted by resolution and submitted to the electors for the May 2, 2023 Election. (See attachment) On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to authorize Kevin Harju to sign a service agreement with Quincy Township for agreed upon work to be done on No. 7 Flats Rd and No. 2 Rd. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to authorize Kevin Harju to sign the Schoolcraft Township Service Agreement for Mink Farm Rd pending approval by the Schoolcraft Township Board. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to move the March 20th, 2023 meeting from 1:30 PM to 8:00 AM and move the April 24th, 2023 meeting back to April 17th at 1:30 PM. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to adjourn the meeting at 2:07 P.M., there being no further business. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

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HOUGHTON COUNTY**

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January 4, 2023

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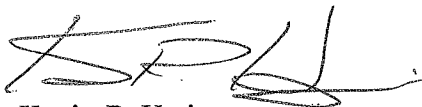
Dear Chairman Tikkanen:

On behalf of the Houghton County Road Commission, I would like to request that the attached renewal of county road millage be adopted by resolution and submitted to the electors for the May 2, 2023 election.

I have also attached information that shows how the millage is distributed to the Road Commission and seven city and villages in the County.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS



Kevin P. Harju
County Highway Engineer

KPH/lb
Enclosures

cc: Houghton County Clerk

RENEWAL OF COUNTY ROAD MILLAGE

Shall the ad valorem tax rate of Houghton County for roads, streets and highways on real property assessed therein be renewed and continued in the amount of 1.3690 mills (\$1.3690 per \$1,000.00 of the taxable value) during each of the years 2024 – 2033, inclusive? This renewal will produce tax revenue of an estimated \$1,464,740.63 for 2024. All revenue will be used solely for the purpose of paying the general operating and maintenance expenses of the Houghton County Road Commission and the incorporated cities and villages of the County of Houghton in maintaining roads, streets and highways. The money derived from the renewed millage shall be allocated, distributed, and spent according to Act No. 133 of the Public Acts of 1968.

Houghton County
County Road 2021 levy/2022 Millage Distribution
based on 1.369 mills, 1.3427 levied

Agency	Amount Received	Percent received
Houghton County Road Commission	\$856,562.94	67.75%
Hancock	\$144,732.92	11.45%
Houghton	\$181,489.30	14.36%
Calumet	\$10,572.45	0.84%
Copper City	\$2,801.13	0.22%
Lake Linden	\$19,079.44	1.51%
Laurium	\$33,093.35	2.62%
South Range	\$15,902.93	1.26%
Total	<u>\$1,264,234.46</u>	<u>100.00%</u>