

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, August 19, 2024 – 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, August 19, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

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

GUESTS: Dale Peterson, Tim Gasperich, Jim Siira, Jared Hyrkas, Larry Julio

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Pete Torola at 1:30 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to approve payment of bills and payrolls in the amount of \$775,270.98, covered by AP vouchers #23/24-70, #23/24-71, #23/24-73, #23/24-74 and #23/24-76, payroll voucher #23/24-72 and #23/24-75, and to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2024 monthly meeting. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Correspondence was read and discussed.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to approve Keith Jenich, Jr. and Mike Keranen to attend the Superintendent's Seminar in Acme. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to authorize Kevin Harju and Rob Tarvis to sign and submit the P.A. 51 Annual Certification. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to proceed with the purchase of a used water truck in the amount of \$69,200 plus delivery fees. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to pay the CRASIF second quarter premium in the amount of \$13,835.00. On a voice vote, the motion carried Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to set the Public Hearing for the 2025 Budget on Monday, September 16, 2024. 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 Service Agreements with Portage Township, Calumet Township and Franklin Township using the awarded Section 19 Funds. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to vote for Jesse Campbell, Darrell Cass, and Lisa Kleeman on the CRASIF Board Ballot. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to approve adding Eagle Drive as presented, to the HCRC Road System. 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 Franklin Township, for work on Hilltop Road and Maple Street. 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 and proceed with the quote as presented from Lake State Roofing, Inc. for re-roofing building #1. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to adopt the resolutions and authorize Kevin Harju and/or Pete Torola to sign the contracts for MDOT Job #'s 220652PE, 220663PE, 220665PE, 220744PE, 220664CON, 220662PE, 220664PE, 220666PE, and 220653PE. (see attached) On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to go into a closed session meeting to discuss the union negotiation status at 1:55 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Issue was discussed and according to closed meeting procedures the minutes are filed elsewhere.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to go back into an open meeting at 2:13 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Union contract discussion has been tabled until the Union decides how they will proceed.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to adjourn the meeting at 2:14 p.m., there being no further business. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.