

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, October 21, 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, October 21, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

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

GUESTS: Tim Gasperich

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 \$1,900,631.00 covered by AP vouchers #23/24-83, #23/24-85, #23/24-86, #24/25-02 and #24/25-04, payroll voucher #23/24-84, #24/25-01, #24/25-03, #24/25-05, #24/25-06 and #24/25-07, and to approve the minutes from the September 16, 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 take bids for the HCRC 2007 CAT 160M motor grader with a minimum bid of \$75,000 being required. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to approve the purchase of a 2018 John Deere Excavator in the amount of \$188,420.00. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to approve the purchase of 2018 Peterbilt Quad Axle in the amount of \$185,000.00. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to approve the HCRC Board Compensation package and submit it to the Houghton County Board for approval. On a voice vote, the motion carried Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to approve the resolutions to correct the mileage on Gorton Road, Niemi Road and Orchard Road as presented. (see attached) On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to accept the P.A. 506 Compliance Report as presented and put on the HCRC website. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to hire Robert Leer for the permanent HEO position at the Ripley Garage. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

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

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to purchase two McQueen loader mounted blowers in the amount of \$281,298.00/each. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to accept the surplus equipment bids as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Siler and supported by Mr. Londo, to accept the P.A. 325 report as presented and authorize Board Chair Pete Torola and Engineer/Manager Kevin Harju to sign. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Siler, to table the 2025 HCRC Board meeting schedule. 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 2:08 p.m., there being no further business. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

**RESOLUTION TO CORRECT ACT 51, P.A. 1951,
ROAD CERTIFICATION DATA**

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Houghton County, Michigan, held at its office in Ripley, Hancock, Michigan, on Monday, October 21st, 2024, the following matter was considered and a resolution unanimously adopted by said Board as follows:

WHEREAS, 0.20 Miles of Gorton Road (F19A) in Section 18, T55N, R33W, Franklin Township, has been maintained by the Houghton County Road Commission for over 30 years, and;

WHEREAS, the Houghton County Road Commission has certified, in error, 0.1 Miles of that road known as Gorton Road (F19A), from its intersection with US Highway 41 to the North, and;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Houghton County Road Commission does hereby accept into its system, the correct distance of 0.20 Miles of Gorton Road (F19A), and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Houghton County Road Commission Act 51 certification map during calendar year 2024 on map no. 35 be recognized to reflect the corrected distance of 0.20 Miles of Gorton Road (F19A) in Franklin Township.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YEAS:

NAYS:

I, Rob Tarvis, Secretary of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Houghton, do hereby certify that the above resolution was passed by vote of said Board on the 21st day of October, 2024.

Rob Tarvis, Secretary

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ROAD CERTIFICATION DATA**

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Houghton County, Michigan, held at its office in Ripley, Hancock, Michigan, on Monday, October 21st, 2024, the following matter was considered and a resolution unanimously adopted by said Board as follows:

WHEREAS, 0.61 Miles of Niemi Road (S63AA) in Section 30, T55N, R34W, Stanton Township, has been maintained by the Houghton County Road Commission for over 30 years, and;

WHEREAS, the Houghton County Road Commission has certified, in error, 0.8 Miles of that road known as Niemi Road (S63AA), from its intersection with Rauhala Road (S63A) to the West, and;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Houghton County Road Commission does hereby accept into its system, the correct distance of 0.61 Miles of Niemi Road (S63AA), and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Houghton County Road Commission Act 51 certification map during calendar year 2024 on map no. 26 be recognized to reflect the corrected distance and location of 0.61 Miles of Niemi Road (S63AA) in Stanton Township.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YEAS:

NAYS:

I, Rob Tarvis, Secretary of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Houghton, do hereby certify that the above resolution was passed by vote of said Board on the 21st day of October, 2024.

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WHEREAS, 0.33 Miles of Orchard Road (T26B) in Section 33 and 34, T55N, R32W, Torch Lake Township, has been maintained by the Houghton County Road Commission for over 30 years, and;

WHEREAS, the Houghton County Road Commission has certified, in error, 0.2 Miles of that road known as Orchard Road (T26B), from its intersection with Mud Lake Road (T26) to the South, and;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Houghton County Road Commission does hereby accept into its system, the correct distance of 0.33 Miles of Orchard Road (T26B), and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Houghton County Road Commission Act 51 certification map during calendar year 2024 on map no. 33 be recognized to reflect the corrected distance of 0.33 Miles of Orchard Road (T26B) in Torch Lake Township.

Motion carried by the following vote:

YEAS:

NAYS:

I, Rob Tarvis, Secretary of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Houghton, do hereby certify that the above resolution was passed by vote of said Board on the 21st day of October, 2024.

Rob Tarvis, Secretary