

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, December 16, 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, December 16, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

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

GUESTS: Jim Siira, Jared Hyrkas, Lynn Gierke, Brian Mason, Naomi Mason

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

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to approve payment of bills and payrolls in the amount of \$1,789,185.54 covered by AP vouchers #24/25-11, #24/25-12, #24/25-14, #24/25-15, #24/25-17 and #24/25-19, payroll voucher #24/25-13, #24/25-16, #24/25-18, and #24/25-20, and to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2024 monthly meeting. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Correspondence was read and discussed.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to authorize Kevin Harju and John Cima to attend the CEW February 11-13, 2025. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to authorize Kevin Harju, John Cima, Rob Tarvis, Keith Jenich, Mike Keranen and any Commissioners wanting to go to attend the Winter UPRB February 6 & 7, 2025. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to authorize Kevin Harju and John Cima to attend the CRA Highway Conference March 25-27, 2025. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to authorize Kevin Harju to sign the ARPA Governmental Services Agreement. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to add 200 feet of East 16<sup>th</sup> Street in Hubbell to HCRCs all season system. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to sell a 2007 Caterpillar Grader for \$70,000 to an interested party. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to approve the HCRC 5-year TIP and Illustrative List as presented and authorize Kevin Harju to be the HCRC representative at the Rural Task Force 13A meeting. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to approve the FHWA ER Projects CE Agreement with UPEA. On a voice vote, the motion carried Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to approve the Addendum to the Millworks Purchase Agreement & Deed and authorize Kevin Harju to sign it. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to approve the Portage Township Service Agreement as presented and authorize Kevin Harju to sign. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to approve the Duncan Township Service Agreement as presented and authorize Kevin Harju to sign. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to approve the Stanton Township Service Agreement as presented and authorize Kevin Harju to sign. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to hire Chris Puuri for the permanent HEO position at the Ripley Garage and allow him to work afternoon shift for the first winter. Also to hire Val Augustine as a seasonal day shift HEO at the Ripley Garage. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to approve paying the CRASIF Quarterly Invoice in the amount of \$13,835.00. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to accept the GASB 74 & 75 report as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to adjourn the meeting at 2:12 p.m., there being no further business. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 2, Nays 0.