

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, January 20, 2025 – 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 20, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

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

GUESTS: Lynn Gierke, - Chassell Township, Jim Siira – Franklin Township

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, William Siler at 1:30 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to approve payment of bills and payrolls in the amount of \$826,030.02, covered by AP vouchers #24/25-21, #24/25-22, #24/25-24, #24/25-25 and #24/25-30, payroll vouchers #24/25-23, #24/25-26, #24/25-27, #24/25-28, and #24/25-29 and to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2024 monthly meeting. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Correspondence was read and discussed.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to approve Additions/Deletions to the Act 51 Report as presented and authorize Board Chair, William Siler to sign it. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to designate Nate Kinnunen – if interested, or Tom Hyrkas or Keith Anderson or Doug Hermanson, and Kevin Harju, John Cima, Keith Jenich, Jr. and Mike Keranen as Weighmasters also approve the Weighmaster contract for two of the following - Nate, Tom, Keith or Doug at a rate of \$34.00/hour. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to purchase a used 2021 CAT 320 Excavator for \$192,714.00 from FABICK, as McCoy, Roland and Miller-Bradford do not currently have anything comparable for sale that will meet the HCRC specifications and financial requirements. Kevin will check with the equipment suppliers once more and keep the board members updated if anything else is available prior to the purchase. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to adopt the resolution and authorize Kevin Harju and/or William Siler to sign the contract for MDOT Job # 221795CON. (see attached) On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to authorize Kevin Harju and the Board Chair, William Siler to sign the scope and engagement letters from Anderson, Tackman & Co. as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to purchase two used 2019 Peterbilt Quad Axles in the amount of \$389,000.00 from Kowalski Concrete. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to approve voting for Robert Laitinen and Dirk Heckman for the CRA Board of Directors representing the UPRBA. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m., there being no further business. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

RESOLUTION

Moved by Mr. Londo, supported by Mr. Torola, that the following resolution be unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Houghton County Board of Road Commissioners should enter into an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the purpose of fixing the rights and obligations of the parties in agreeing to the following:

Control Section:	31013
Job Number:	221795CON
Contract No.:	24-5539

Drainage improvement work from the DEPARTMENT ROW at the intersection of Highway US-26 and Ripley Road to Portage Lake, including box culvert pipe and drainage structure installation work; together with necessary related work, located within Ripley, Houghton County, Michigan.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the chairman, William Siler, and/or engineer, Kevin P. Harju, be authorized to sign said agreements, proposals and/or construction contracts for the above project.

AYES:	Torola, Londo
NAYS:	None

Motion Carried.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution made and adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Houghton County, Michigan held on the 20th of January, 2025.

Lori Budweg, Secretary