

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, March 17, 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, March 17, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: William 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: Tim Gasperich – Calumet Twp., Jim Siira, Franklin Twp., Jared Hyrkas - OHM

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, William Siler 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 \$701,300.54, covered by AP vouchers #24/25-37, #24/25-39, #24/25-40, and #24/25-43, payroll vouchers #24/25-38, #24/25-41 and #24/25-42 and to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2025 monthly meeting. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Correspondence was read and discussed.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to hire Thomas Voelker to fill the first HEO position starting 3/31/2025 and Kurt Abramson to fill the second HEO position starting 4/14/2025 at the Ripley Garage from the list of applicants, as presented, provided they pass the required testing and background checks. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to accept the Earned Sick Time Act Policy for Seasonal, Temporary and Part-Time employees as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to accept the Earned Sick Time Act Policy for Permanent Full-Time Non-Union employees as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to approve payment of the invoice to UP International Trucks, Inc. in the amount of \$325,030.00. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to approve advertising of bids for the materials as presented and have the bids due on April 14, 2025. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to approve the Osceola Township Service Agreement as presented and authorize Kevin Harju to sign it. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Londo and supported by Mr. Torola, to award the township construction project bids to the low bidders as presented. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to pass a resolution and authorize Kevin Harju to enter into a contract, to purchase Federal Aid Funds, with Iron County Road Commission fiscal years 2026,

2027, 2028 and 2029. The contract will be for one year at a time to verify the road commission has the available funds. (see attached) On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

Moved by Mr. Torola and supported by Mr. Londo, to approve and accept the FY 2024 Audit as presented. 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 1:56 p.m., there being no further business. On a voice vote, the motion carried. Ayes 3, Nays 0.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
FOR THE COUNTY OF HOUGHTON, MICHIGAN

WHEREAS, county road agencies may transfer federal highway aid available to them to other county road agencies for certain purposes subject to approval by the Michigan Department of Transportation (“MDOT”) and Federal Highway Administrative (“FHWA”). 23 U.S.C. 126; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Houghton (“Houghton”) has determined that it is in its best interest to purchase available federal aid funds in exchange for non-federal transportation dollars to enable the most efficient use of dollars and cost-effective performance of improvements to its county road system; and

WHEREAS, Houghton has identified the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Iron (“Iron”) as a county road agency it is interested in purchasing the federal aid from; and

WHEREAS, Houghton would agree to set the rate of exchange at \$0.80 of non-federal transportation funds for each \$1.00 of STP funds; and

WHEREAS, Houghton desires to purchase an estimated \$783,000.00 of STP funds available in fiscal year 2026 in exchange for non-federal transportation dollars to Iron.

WHEREAS, county road agencies in Michigan are authorized to enter into voluntary exchange agreements with other local road agencies for the purpose of exchanging federal aid funds with state transportation dollars pursuant to Section 402 of Public Act 252 of 2014;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Houghton, by adoption of this resolution, may proceed and develop an agreement with Iron that would allow for said exchange to occur.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Road Commissioners for the County of Houghton, Michigan, under date of March 17, 2025

Lori Budweg, Secretary of the Board