

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan held on Monday, July 19, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. EST

Present: Darryll Sundberg, Chairperson, David Hall, Member Joseph Valente, Member and Neil Anderson, Member

Absent: Russell Williams, Vice Chairperson

In Attendance: Jim Iwanicki, Kurt Taavola, Nick Joseph, Cynthia Pryor, Gene Champagne, Faye Collins and Lisa Brogan who recorded the minutes.

**1. Call Meeting to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:**

Commissioner Sundberg called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Agenda Approval:**

A motion was made by Comm. Hall, was supported by Comm. Anderson and was carried to approve the June 21, 2010 agenda with late addition items 10A, 10B, 10C, 10D, 10E.

**3. Approval of the Minutes: June 21 Public Hearing, June 21, 2010 Regular Meeting and June 30, 2010 Special Meeting:**

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2010 Public Hearing was made by Comm. Anderson, supported by Comm. Hall and was carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2010 Regular Meeting was made by Comm. Hall, supported by Comm. Anderson and was carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2010 Special Meeting was made by Comm. Anderson, supported by Comm. Valente and was carried. Commissioner Hall abstained.

**4. Approval of the Accounts Payables, Payroll and Financial Reports:**

A motion to approve the accounts payables from June 21 to July 19, 2010 was made by Comm. Valente, was supported by Comm. Hall and was carried.

A motion to approve the payroll for the month of June 2010 was made by Comm. Valente, was supported by Comm. Anderson and was carried.

A list of outstanding accounts receivables was distributed.

The June 2010 financial report was distributed. Jim Iwanicki stated that there would be budget work sessions on August 4<sup>th</sup> and September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**5. Public Comment:**

Commissioner Sundberg opened this portion of the meeting to public comment. Nick Joseph asked about the unpaid aged permit fees.

Cynthia Pryor asked about the Category F application and surveying being done along County Road 510. Ms. Pryor also reserved comment on item 11A.

Gene Champagne discussed large rocks in the roadway in front of County Road AAA and a punctured tire as a result.

Faye Collins reserved comment on item 8C.

There being no further public comment, this portion of the meeting was closed.

**6. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Modification to USDA Forest Service and MCRC Contract:**

A motion to authorize the change the contact person's name in the existing ARRA Contract was made by Comm. Hall, was supported by Comm. Valente and was carried.

**B. MCRC SIP Voter Authorization:**

A motion to authorize Darryll Sundberg as the voter representative for the Marquette County Road Commission with Mary Herman as the alternate was made by Comm. Hall, was supported by Comm. Anderson and was carried..

**C. County Road 498, County Road 502 and County Road 573 Paving Projects:**

A motion to authorize staff to get bids on the County Road 573, 498 and 502 skip paving projects was made by Comm. Hall, was supported by Comm. Anderson and was carried.

**D. USDA Rural Development Equipment Grant:**

Jim Iwanicki stated that he has researched the possibility of funding through the USDA for equipment. A motion to authorize staff to begin application process with USDA Rural Development for a grant to cover 50% of a total of \$750,000 for equipment in fiscal year 2011 was made by Comm. Anderson, was supported by Comm. Valente and was carried.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. Ishpeming UST:**

Jim Iwanicki stated he is waiting for MDEQ feedback at this time.

**B. Sale of Wells Garage Property:**

Jim Iwanicki reported that he has received legal opinion on the sale of the Wells garage property which states that the Board may sell or convey land or any interest in land held in the name of the Board or improvements located on that land, when the land, interest in land or improvements are not part of the public street highway or park or are not required to be used for a public street highway or park..

**C. ORV Issue:**

Jim Iwanicki reported that he and Commissioner Anderson met with officials from the County and Townships regarding ORV damage concerns to Stoneville and S Camp Road.

**8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**A. US41 Corridor:**

The US41 corridor minutes of the July 13, 2010 meeting were provided for informational purposes.

**B. Bargaining Unit Contract:**

There were no new updates to give at this time.

**C. Huron Mountain Club v MCRC:**

Jim Iwanicki stated and discussed the courts decision on the Marquette County Road Commission v Huron Mountain Club case.

**D. Category F Application: County Road 510 and 492:**

Jim Iwanicki reported that the Marquette County Road Commission will be notified if Category F applications for County Roads 510 and 492 were approved by late fall.

**E. Commerce Drive Extension Project:**

There will be a bid opening for the Commerce Drive Extension project on July 29, 2010.

**F. McClellan Extension Preliminary Plans:**

A letter from the City of Marquette regarding the McClellan Ave Extension was distributed to the Board.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

**10. LATE ADDITIONS:**

**A. Republic Township Road Repairs:**

Jim Iwanicki reviewed and discussed the 2010 STIP and reported that County Road 601 is slated for construction through the FY2011.

**B. CRASIF Board of Trustees:**

The CRASIF Annual Meeting notice was given for informational purposes.

**C. Low Gas Tax/Analysis:**

An article titled "Americans Paying Record Low Gas Taxes" from the AASHTO Journal was provided for informational purposes.

**D. Scraper Blade Bids:**

A motion to award the scraper blades bid to H&L Mesabi, the low bidder to complete a two year supply of blades was made by Comm. Hall, was supported by Comm. Valente and was carried.

**E. MDOT Construction Project: 505 Commerce Drive:**

A motion to approve the resolution and authorize the signature for the standard MDOT contract for County Road 505 Commerce Drive was made by Comm. Anderson, was supported by Comm. Hall and was carried.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**A. County Road AAA Maintenance Concern:**

A letter from Catherine Parker was provided to the Board regarding recent "changes" to the Triple A Road.

Cynthia Pryor was present to discuss the need for grading along the Triple A Road and concerns with tree cutting as it will affect the natural canopy on that road.

**B. Letter to Kennecott re: MCRC Process For Taking on a Public Road:**

A letter from James Iwanicki to Kennecott regarding the Marquette County Road Commission's process for taking on a public road was provided for informational purposes.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Commissioner Sundberg opened this portion of the meeting to public comment.

Gene Champagne stated a concern regarding the size of the gravel materials outside the Kennecott entrance. He reported damage to his vehicle tire at this location.

Cynthia Pryor asked what Kennecott's requirements were for permitting and if there were additional requirements through the MDNRE

There being no further public comment, this portion of the meeting was closed.

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Hall, was supported by Comm. Valente and was carried at 1:50 p.m.