

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Iron County was held on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Road Commission office at 800 W. Franklin Street, Iron River, Michigan.

Present for the meeting were Chairman Dan Germic, Vice Chairman Joe Sabol, Members Charles Battan, Christopher Sholander, Superintendent/Manager Doug Tomasoski, Office Manager/Clerk Darlene Anderson, and Finance Director/Clerk Lisa Powell. Commissioner Ernest Schmidt and Attorney Mark Tousignant were absent.

Deletion from the agenda under New Business was Item C. Approve union contract, and substituted for Item C. was Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement.

It was motioned by Sabol, supported by Battan, to approve the revised agenda.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Schmidt absent
Motion carried.

MINUTES TO BE APPROVED To be approved, were the minutes of the Audit and Regular meeting of October 14, 2014, Special Meetings of November 3, 2014, and Executive Session meeting minutes of November 3, 2014.

It was motioned by Sabol, supported by Sholander, to approve the above referenced minutes.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Schmidt absent
Motion carried.

DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED The disbursements to be approved included Payrolls of \$73,132.20, Prepaid Claims of \$75,080.90, and Accounts Payables of \$967,841.58, for a total of \$1,116,054.68.

It was motioned by Battan, supported by Sholander, to approve the Audit Committee Report dated November 11, 2014 covering the aforementioned disbursements.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Schmidt absent
Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Superintendent Tomasoski reported on the following:

- The habitat of the Eastern long eared bat could be an issue for any road projects where the habitats are identified. There is on-going discussion that may require any clearing and grubbing on those projects to be done prior to May 1. Tomasoski said this may affect the bike path project but he will keep the board updated.
- Notification has been received that we will be able to use federal aid carry-over dollars. Tomasoski said he plans to roll ours into the CR424 projects.
- 2015 projects will include CR424, Baumgartner Road and possibly Marinello Road.

DELEGATIONS There were no delegations present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS There were no committee reports.

OLD BUSINESS

CHIP SEAL PARTICIPATION PROGRAM Tomasoski advised the board that Mastadon Township is very interested in doing some chip sealing. He said they are looking at doing Section 6 Road and Kalla Walla Road. He said the township would split the cost of a single seal 50/50 and if they want a double seal they would pay

100%.

Commissioner Germic asked how it would be determined which townships could participate in the program and how many roads they could do. Tomasoski said the townships would make the request, but the road commission would make the final determination. He suggested doing Section 6 Road as a trial project. He said chip sealing will be considered preventative maintenance; there will be no culvert replacement or anything else done. He said he thinks it will be a good thing for everyone if we do it correctly. Tomasoski said he has some estimates done for the 2015 chip seal jobs. He suggested doing a couple of roads in varying degrees of disintegration as a test. Tomasoski said he will be meeting with each township to discuss the proposed program.

NEW BUSINESS

SET DATE AND TIME FOR BUDGET HEARING The board set the 2015 budget hearing to immediately follow the December 9, 2014 regular meeting.

HIRE WINTER TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES Superintendent Tomasoski said he would like to hire two full-time seasonal temporary employees, two seasonal temporary employees for the week night trunk line patrol and two seasonal temporary employees for the weekend trunk line patrol.

It was motioned by Sabol, supported by Battan, to authorize Superintendent Tomasoski to hire the number of temporary season employees he feels are necessary.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Schmidt Absent
Motion carried.

DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN ADOPTION AGREEMENT Office Manager/Clerk Anderson explained to the board that the MERS Benefit Plan for the division 12 description (Union New Hires after October 1, 2011) needs to be amended to allow the two new office hires to be enrolled in that division. She explained that since the pension benefits are the same for all the new hires they can all be in the same division with just a change to the description to include Non-union new hires.

It was motioned by Sabol, supported by Sholander, to approve amending the MERS Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement for Division 12 to allow non-union new hires to be included.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Schmidt absent
Motion carried.

2014 BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 2 It was motioned by Sabol, supported by Battan, to approve Budget Amendment No. 2 as prepared by staff.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Schmidt absent
Motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT There was no attorney's report.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS Commissioner Battan noted that this was Clerk Anderson's last meeting as she will be retired at the end of the month. He thanked her for her many years of service.

Commissioner Sholander noted that as today is Veterans Day, we recognize any veterans present. Sholander

asked if an annual inspection is done on all of our trucks. Commissioner Sabol explained that the drivers inspect their trucks every day and notify the mechanic if anything needs to be repaired.

Commission Germic noted that there were comments on Facebook that Iron County's roads were the best plowed roads during this week's storm. He also cautioned everyone to be careful when talking to the press so that information isn't taken out of context.

At 9:20 a.m. with no further business to come before the board, it was motioned by Battan, supported by Schmidt, to adjourn the regular meeting.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
Schmidt absent
Motion carried.



Dan Germic, Chair

Darlene Anderson, Clerk