

## REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Iron County was held on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the Road Commission office at 800 W. Franklin Street, Iron River, Michigan.

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

It was motioned by Sholander and supported by Schmidt, to approve the agenda.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Germic absent  
Motion carried.

**MINUTES TO BE APPROVED** To be approved, were the minutes of the Audit and Regular meeting of November 11, 2014 and Special Meetings of November 19, 2014.

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

Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Germic absent  
Motion carried.

**DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED** The disbursements to be approved included Payrolls of \$199,498.13, Prepaid Claims of \$124,139.30, and Accounts Payables of \$338,974.46, for a total of \$662,611.89.

It was motioned by Sholander, supported by Battan, to approve the Audit Committee Report dated December 9, 2014 covering the aforementioned disbursements.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Battan, Sholander, Schmidt and Sabol  
Nays: None

Germic absent  
Motion carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** Superintendent Tomasoski reported on the following in addition to the written report:

- Ottawa Lake Road from M-73 has USFS-Eastern Federal Lands Program funds available with a 20% match, application to be submitted.
- Bridge Inspections for Tier II has deadline of December 31, 2014. Tier III bridge inspections are slated for 2016.
- Task force meeting- Marinello Road may be still on the listing of projects.
- End of January will be bid letting for local projects.
- Dean Stolberg addressed the need for a new pickup, 2 truck boxes-one is on order, the sander is fixed, and will be replaced by a new box.

**DELEGATIONS** Mansfield Supervisor Dick Dryjanski received their billing, Bates Supervisor Grant Helgemo would like to discuss Chip Seal program, Mastodon Trustee Ray Kudwa would like information on the Chip Seal program, and would like more details on their billing, listing presented of the details requested.

**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. A double seal is considered heavy maintenance

and would therefore be 100% township funded. Tomasoski said the townships would make the request, but the road commission would make the final determination. 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. Commissioner Schmidt indicated we need a policy with an amount to offer the township. Commissioner Sholander would like to discuss the protocol and township agreements at the budget meeting. Tomasoski replied that we won't know available funding until after the winter season. Vice Chair Sabol stated that everyone had good ideas.

**HERITAGE TRAIL LICENSE AGREEMENTS AND MOU'S AND DISCUSSION**

MDOT met December 8, and January 12 is the date the approved projects will be announced. We need 3 license agreements and three MOU's approved by the board. These contain some minor rewording from the prior submitted documents due to changes in the funding and time frame.

It was motioned by Sholander to approve the three licenses needed for the Heritage Trail Non-motorized Pathway, supported by Battan.

All Ayes  
No Nays  
Germic absent  
Motion carried

It was motioned by Sholander to approve the three Memorandums of Understanding needed for the Heritage Trail Non-Motorized Pathway, supported by Schmidt.

All Ayes  
NO Nays  
Germic absent  
Motion carried

Discussion continued with information presented on the TAP application, GEI has modified the design, project has gone from 1.4 million to 1.8 and changes need to be in by January 12, 2015 deadline. Sholander asked what did Superintendent Tomasoski recommend? Tomasoski recommends that the Road Commission go on record that if the project gets approved and there are not enough dollars that the Road Commission cover up to an additional \$30,000. Also that there be a timber sale with proceeds going to the logger for the timber that needs to be cut on the right of ways. Area to be cut would be 15-20 acres.

It was motioned by Sholander that if the project exceeds the available funding that the Road Commission would contribute up to \$30,000 towards the project, and proceed with the timber sale for the Heritage Trail project to be completed by the end of April, support from Battan.

Roll call vote: Ayes-Battan, Sholander, Schmidt and Sabol  
No Nays  
Germic Absent  
Motion carried

**NEW BUSINESS**

**THREE RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS**

Vice Chair Sabol presented the three retirement resolutions for Darlene Anderson, Thalei Burke and Dale Clements. He congratulated Darlene on 27 years 6 month of outstanding service to the Road Commission with her bookkeeping and expertise, congratulated Thalei on her 22 years of expert assistance in the insurance and retirement and payroll areas and the help she was to all who had questions, and to Dale with his 38 years of dedication to the Road Commission as he had no hesitation no matter what day, to going out, over and above with job duties whether it be a tree to be cut off the roadway or on Christmas day. Congratulations to all three on their retirement. And a generous welcome to the new employees, Lisa Powell in the Finance Director position and Patti Leonoff in the HR and PR position.

**SET DATE FOR 2015 REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING and SPECIAL MEETING TO APPROVE 2015 BUDGET AND 2014 BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

The Board set the reorganizational meeting on Thursday, January 2, 2015, at 8:30 am and the Special Meeting on December 30, 2014 at 8:30 am.

**AUTHORIZE CREDIT CARDS**

In a motion by Sholander to approve Lisa Powell, Finance Director to hold Road Commission credit cards with Wells Fargo for a limit of \$2,500 and FNB for a limit of \$1,100, supported by Battan.

All Ayes  
No Nays  
Germic absent  
Motion carried

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

**COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Schmidt thanked the retirees for their service to the Board. Vice Chair Sabol commented on the amount of information available during the meeting.

At 10:20 a.m. with no further business to come before the board, it was motioned by Schmidt, supported by Battan, to adjourn the regular meeting.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None  
Germic absent  
Motion carried.

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Joe Sabol, Vice Chair

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Lisa M. Powell, Clerk