

**BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
GOGEbic COUNTY ~ BESSEMER MICHIGAN**

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held in its offices in the Courthouse Annex, City of Bessemer, on the above date.

Present: Marti Wegner, Chair John Matonich, Commissioner Kevin Haustein, Commissioner Patricia Hagstrom, Secretary	Roy D'Antonio, Vice-Chair Dan Peterson, Commissioner Darren Pionk, Engineer/Manager
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Also Present: 6 Public Attendees

- I. **Call to Order** ~ Chair Wegner called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Approval of Agenda** ~ A motion was made by Haustein, 2nd by Peterson, with all in favor to approve the agenda with the following addition: NB. d. Watersmeet Seasonal Road Restrictions
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** ~ A motion was made by Matonich, 2nd by Peterson, with all in favor to approve the minutes from:
 - Finance Meeting of Monday, April 24, 2017
 - Regular Meeting of Monday, April 24, 2017
 - Special Meeting of Monday, May 1, 2017 (Information Only)
- V. **Public Comment** ~ None
- VII. **Old Business** ~
 - a. Aspen Lane Repairs ~ The culvert at the intersection of Aspen Lane and Powers Road will be scheduled to be replaced. Coleman Engineering has been asked to prepare a proposal to provide plans and profile drawings for the Aspen Road repairs. This proposal will be presented at the next regular meeting.
 - b. Excavator & Dozer Rental Proposals ~ This item will be discussed at the next regular meeting.
 - c. Grader Sale ~ The auction price received for the grader came in lower than expected. One option is to sell the grader to Nortrax for \$55,000 or continue posting the grader on on-line auctions. Darren stated that the price offered from Nortrax is good until the new leased graders are delivered in June. A motion was made by Matonich, 2nd by Haustein, with all in favor to continue with the on-line auction until the date of delivery of the new leased graders.
 - d. Gogebic County Senate Appropriations Update ~ The Senate has approved a "one-time basis" line item for the flood damage from the July 11, 2017 storm. Darren and Dan Peterson will be traveling to Lansing for meetings with members of the House of Representatives regarding this funding.

VIII. New Business ~

- a. Wakefield Township Work Order ~ A motion was made by Matonich, 2nd by Peterson, with all in favor to accept the contract, authorize Chair Wegner and Vice-Chair D’Antonio to sign the contract and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gogebic County Board of Road Commissioners does hereby accept and approve for signature of Chair Marti Wegner, and Vice-Chair Roy D’Antonio, the agreement between the Township of Wakefield and the Gogebic County Road Commission for the following projects:

- 1. One hundred percent (100%) the cost of asphalt oil and chip stones used with the Total Patcher on various roads in Wakefield Township. Gogebic County Road Commission will supply the equipment and Labor for use of the Total Patcher at no additional cost to Township. Amount of materials used will not exceed \$10,000.

Estimate Cost.....	Asphalt oil and chip stones.....	\$ 10,000 max
Township Share (100%).....	Wakefield Township.....	\$ 10,000 max

- b. Facility Discussion ~ Darren is still in the process of getting additional information and costs. Matonich requested that the square footage and total costs of other road commission’s facilities that are newer be obtained for comparisons.
- c. Letter of Appreciation for Gary Roland ~ The letter was acknowledged and signed by the Board.
- d. Watersmeet Seasonal Weight Restrictions ~ D’Antonio questioned why Old US 2 east of Watersmeet and Crystal Lake Road were still restricted. Darren stated that roads that were chip sealed and gravel roads were still restricted. Scott Cebolski added that he had received a call regarding Old US 2 and indicated that this roadway was not restricted as it is a paved road that was chip sealed and that the sign was not removed. Darren advised the Board that the road restrictions on the chip sealed and gravel roads will be lifted on Wednesday, May 10, 2017.

VIII. **Public Comment** ~ Dan Siirila suggested that Nortrax should be contacted. He added that an additional amount should be added to the purchase price offered from Nortrax and that maybe Nortrax would purchase it now as it is a prime time to sell graders. Matonich stated that transportation costs may be charged if it is picked up prior to the delivery of the leased graders as it is understood that when the leased graders are delivered that the grader in question will be picked up at that time. Secretary Hagstrom advised the Board that the UP Road Builders Summer Meeting will be held on June 14th and 15th, 2017 at the Island Resort & Casino in Harris.

IX. **Personnel Issues** ~ A motion was made by Haustein, 2nd by Matonich, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~Matonich, Haustein, Peterson, D’Antonio & Wegner to move into closed session at 5:55 pm. A motion was made by Haustein, 2nd by Peterson, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Peterson, Haustein, D’Antonio, Matonich & Wegner to move into open session at 6:21 pm. A motion was made by Matonich, 2nd by D’Antonio, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ D’Antonio, Matonich, Haustein, Peterson & Wegner to give Darren Pionk a final warning letter and that if he violates the Vehicle Use Policy and/or any other policy, the Board will request the resignation and termination of Mr. Pionk. Further discussion took place and a motion was made by Matonich, 2nd by Haustein, with all in favor to have Darren meet with Chair Wegner and Vice-Chair D’Antonio to discuss exceptions to

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possible circumstances where the county vehicle may be used outside of the outlined restrictions and the use of his personal vehicle.

- X. Adjourn** ~ A motion was made by Haustein, 2nd by Peterson, with all in favor to adjourn at 6:39 pm.

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Secretary

Chair