

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

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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.

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

Also Present: 6 Public Attendees

- I. **Call to Order** ~ Chair Wegner called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance with a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11/2001**
- III. **Approval of Agenda** ~ A motion was made by Matonich, 2nd by D'Antonio, with all in favor to approve the agenda.
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** ~ A motion was made by Matonich, 2nd by D'Antonio, with all in favor to approve the minutes from:
 - Finance Meeting of Monday, August 28, 2017
 - Regular Meeting of Monday, August 28, 2017
- V. **Public Comment on Agenda Items (5 minute limit)** ~ none
- VI. **Old Business** ~
 - a. Building Facility Development ~ A draft non-binding letter of intent was discussed. A motion was made by Matonich, 2nd by D'Antonio with all in favor to table this item until the next meeting as additional questions and changes need to be addressed. A packet of property owned by the GCRC was given to the Board for information.
 - b. Black River Road Culvert Installation Bid Tabulations ~ 3 bids were received. Snow County Contracting bid \$57,286, MJO Contracting bid \$81,744 and Jakes Excavation bid \$64,750. Darren added that these bids are a lump sum figure for labor and equipment. The GCRC will provide the culvert and materials needed. Matonich asked how the bids compare with the engineers estimate. Darren stated that the total cost is below his estimate. Matonich asked if a completion date is identified in the contract. Darren stated that the GCRC is still waiting for the DEQ permit and after it is received the culvert can be installed and should take about a week. Matonich stated that a completion date and penalty clause should have been included in the contract. A motion was made by Matonich, 2nd by D'Antonio with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ D'Antonio, Matonich, Haustein, Peterson & Wegner to award the bid to Snow County Contracting. Haustein suggested that the crossing should be covered with recycled milled material as this crossing will not be paved until 2018.
 - c. Lake Road and Airport Road Intersection ~ Darren researched this intersection and it is considered a low severity intersection. Darren provided a cost estimate on a solar powered flashing stop sign. Discussion took place and a motion was made by Matonich, 2nd by Haustein with all in favor to have Darren provide additional information (within 2 months) on the top 10 worst intersections in the county before a decision is made on improving the signage at this intersection.

VII. New Business ~

- a. Act 51 Certification Letter PA 152 ~ This certification is required for compliance with PA 152 and is due every September 30th. A motion was made by Haustein, 2nd by D'Antonio with all in favor to have the Chair and Chief Financial Officer sign the certification.
- b. Lake Road 2018 Federal Aide Project Discussion ~ This STP paving project for 2018 would start at Partridge Road going west for approximately 3 miles. The north side of the road has a steep back at the location along the curved roadway near the spring. The 1st option is to install guardrail at the location. The 2nd option would be to remove the trees along the slope and flatten the slope with fill dirt. Discussion took place into looking into guardrail options that would maintain the aesthetics of the scenic location. A motion was made by Matonich, 2nd by D'Antonio with all in favor to go with the guardrail option.
- c. Don Grbavcich Health Insurance ~ Don asked if the coop option has been looked into. Wegner stated that she contacted 44 North and that premiums will not be available until October. Don asked if it was a possibility to look into getting bids for different insurance brokers. Darren stated that this will be researched. Don questioned Brian Saari's health insurance only be provided to him until his last day of employment instead of a 30 day coverage period. Secretary Hagstrom stated that Mr. Saari's coverage is through the end of the month. Don stated that a drastic change in the insurance coincided with union contract negotiations and that there was only 1 option given for health insurance. He added that he has been told to stop questioning and to stop creating problems because the Board could move to change the hard cap to the 80%/20% option. Darren advised the Board that the GCRC is required to comply with PA 152 and that it is the Boards decision to choose the hard cap or the 80%/20% options. He added that the hard cap has always been the recommendation given to the Board. Discussion took place and is felt by all that it is important to provide the best insurance for the best cost to all of the employees.

VIII. Public Comment ~ Bob Consie asked when the culvert on Powers Road near his property will be replaced and how long it will take. Darren stated that the work will begin on Monday and will take about a week. Mr. Consie doesn't feel that this culvert can be replaced with the current equipment being used to replace other culverts in the area. Matonich suggested that Darren contact MJO for backup if the GCRC crews run into problems with this installation.

Joe Gayan agreed that the work near Mr. Consie's property will be a problem and that MJO could have the culvert replaced in 3 days compared with the week it will take with the GCRC work crew. He also asked why the ditch dirt is being transported to the Partridge Road pit instead of at the top of the hill on Aspen Lane. He added that numerous requests have been made to dump this material at the top of the hill on Aspen Lane.

Bob Consie added that his main concern is the safety of the crew by using the smaller equipment to install the culvert.

IX. Adjourn ~ A motion was made by Haustein, 2nd by Peterson, with all in favor to adjourn at 6:23 pm.

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Secretary

Chair