

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
GOGEBIC COUNTY ~ BESSEMER MICHIGAN

REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016

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

Present: Art Lyons, Chairman Don Bennetts, Vice-Chairman
 Rob Drier, Commissioner Marti Wegner, Commissioner
 Dan Siirila, Commissioner Darren Pionk, Engineer/Manager
 Patricia Hagstrom, Secretary

Also Present: Michael Kluck, Carol Mason-Sherrill, 5 Public Attendees &
 numerous Gogebic County Workers

- I. Chairman Lyons called the meeting to order at 5 pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Agenda ~ A motion was made by Bennetts, 2nd by Wegner, with all in favor to move item nb. d and nb. e up to the top of New Business and approve the agenda.
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes ~
 - Regular Meeting of Monday, January 25, 2016 ~ A motion was made by Wegner, 2nd by Drier. Chairman Lyons asked if there was any discussion. Siirila stated the minutes are vague, discussion took place. Bennetts & Lyons were in favor ~ Siirila opposed; to approve the minutes.
- V. Public Comment ~ Robert Alleva from Wolverine Village indicated that he was approached by a Gogebic County plow driver to attend the meeting to comment about the breakdown of GCRC plow trucks on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 and the lack of backup equipment. He stated he was not complaining. Don Grbavcich stated that the meeting minutes are edited and that there are many things that are not in the minutes. Jim Manchester commented on the breakdowns on trucks 394, 337, 333, 338, 335, 345 & 387 that happened last week. He stated he went into the garage at 7:30 am and two (2) seasonal drivers were standing around because there was no spare equipment. Lyons asked Jim if he called his supervisor, he stated he did not and that he changed the blades on his truck and went back out to plow. Lyons asked Scott Cebolski about the breakdowns. The Oshkosh was available and was not used and a grader was rented from Lakeshore Equipment. The mechanics can only fix what they can fix due to getting parts and room in the garage. Siirila asked if all the trucks were on the road now.

386 has transmission problems, 333 & 235 are down. Wegner asked Scott Cebolski if he was working on the list for the new trucks. Scott is getting information from other counties. Scott spoke about all of the problems with the wiring and other problems with the trucks. Siirila asked about the warranties on the trucks. Cebolski stated that there is no compensation for down time, towing, etc. Discussion took place on other counties having the same problems.

- VI. Payment of Bills ~ A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by Wegner, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Siirila, Wegner, Bennetts & Lyons; Drier abstaining; that claims checks #64085 ~ #64109 in the amount of \$16,490.94, claims checks #64110 ~ #64126 in the amount of \$49,586.85, and payroll from 01/16/2016 to 01/29/2016 in the amount of \$73,935.93 be approved for payment, and the supporting vouchers be signed by the board.
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Building/Property Discussion ~ Darren stated that the next meeting with the Bessemer Planning Commission probably will not be until March. He would like to schedule a special meeting to discuss this item. A special meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 5 pm.
 - b. UP Road Builders ~ February 11 & 12, 2016 ~ Pionk, Lyons, Wegner & Drier will be attending this meeting.
 - c. CRA Highway Conference ~ March 15, 16, & 17, 2016 ~ Pionk will be attending this meeting.
- VIII. New Business
 - d. Jim Manchester Union Business ~ Mr. Manchester stated that the seasonal workers were not called out by the foreman on Saturday, February 6, 2016 and all of the routes were not plowed. Jim stated that this item was placed in the contract and is not being followed. Siirila asked how many seasonal workers are employed. Jim stated six (6). Jim passed out a document on wages from other road commissions. He also identified wages that the administration has received.
 - e. Union Negotiations ~ A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by Wegner, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Wegner, Siirila, Drier, Bennetts, & Lyons to move into closed session for union negotiations at 5:31 pm. A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by Drier, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Drier, Siirila, Wegner, Bennetts & Lyons, to return to open session at 6:33 pm.
 - a. Carol Mason-Sherrill ~ Ms. Mason-Sherrill gave a lengthy presentation on the safety, environmental & economical effects the bike trail will incur when included in the Thousand Island Project.

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A motion was made by Wegner, 2nd by Drier, with all in favor to adjourn the meeting at 7 pm and move the regular meeting to the road commission offices. A motion was made by Wenger, 2nd by Drier, with all in favor to re-convene at 7:03 pm.

Ms. Mason-Sherrill continued with her presentation and noted that this project is very unsafe.

- b. Ironwood to Bessemer Trail ~ Darren gave an update that the lease agreement between the MDNR and the Trail Authority is unacceptable. Thus making the agreement between the Gogebic County Road Commission and MDNR a permanent ownership agreement. With this permanent ownership agreement, an issue has come up as to who would ultimately be responsible for repairs/maintenance of the trail property. Garth Stengard, with Coleman Engineering read an email received by the MDNR stating that the MDNR would have ownership of the trail and the road commission would only be a co-applicant for the grant. A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by Lyons, with all in favor to have Darren continue getting information on this item so a decision can be made and the project can move forward.
 - c. Coleman Engineering ~ A proposal was presented for groundwater monitoring at the Plymouth garage location. A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by Drier, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Drier, Siirila, Wegner, Bennetts, & Lyons to accept the proposal for services estimated not to exceed \$8,700.
 - f. CRA Board of Directors ~ A motion was made by Lyons, 2nd by Wegner, with all in favor to vote for Michael A. Maloney from Ontonagon.
 - g. Call for Bids ~ Crack Filling Machine & Materials, Chip Stone & Emulsion ~ A motion was made by Wegner, 2nd by Siirila, with all in favor to call for bids, with the due date of Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 2pm and an award date of Monday, March 14, 2016.
 - h. Employee Staffing ~ Discussion took place on discussing this item at the Special Meeting on Wednesday, February 17th. Lyons stated that he does not like that there is only one (1) PM mechanic due to the employee's safety. A motion was made by Lyons, 2nd by Wegner, with all in favor to advertise for a PM Mechanic for the Bessemer Garage
- IX. Financial Reports ~ These reports were discussed. No action was taken.

- X. Public Comment ~ Don Grbavcich stated that he is glad he stayed for the meeting, that having Mr. Kluck at the meeting was putting more grief and aggravation on the workers. He thanked Mr. Lyons for making the motion to advertise for a PM Mechanic.
- XI. Adjourn ~ A motion was made by Bennetts, 2nd by Wegner, with all in favor to adjourn at 7:38 pm.

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