

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

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 27, 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	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 5:20 pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Approval of Agenda** ~ A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2nd by Haustein, with all in favor to add Administrative Vehicle Use Policy to OB. f. and approve the agenda.
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** ~ A motion was made by Matonich, 2nd by Peterson, with Haustein & Wegner in favor; D'Antonio abstaining to approve the minutes from:
 - Finance Meeting of Monday, February 13, 2017
 - Regular Meeting of Monday, February 13, 2017
- V. **Public Comment** ~ None
- VII. **Old Business** ~
 - a. Office Boiler Quotes ~ 6 contacts were made and 1 quote was received from Mukavitz Heating. 2 options were provided with the difference being that one unit is copper and aluminum and the other unit is stainless steel. A motion was made by Matonich, 2nd by D'Antonio, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ D'Antonio, Matonich, Peterson, Haustein & Wegner to select option 1 in the amount of \$5,600. This quote includes the removal of old system, installation of the new system, Michigan Boiler Permit and repair service.
 - b. Bid Tabulations for Asphalt Emulsion and Chip Stone ~ 4 bid packets were sent out and 1 bid was received. Discussion took place on only receiving 1 bid and that additional vendors for all bids should be researched further in the future. A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Haustein, with all in favor: Ayes ~ Haustein, Peterson, D'Antonio, Matonich & Wegner to accept and award the bid for emulsion oil to H.G. Meigs at the cost of \$2.0547 per gallon.
12 bid packets were sent out and 2 bids were received for the chip stone. Darren advised the Board that he would like to see a sample of the CST Mod stone before awarding this bid item. A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2nd by Matonich, with all in favor to table this item.
 - c. Bid Tabulations for Culvert Materials ~ 10 bid packets were sent out and 5 bids were received. A motion was made by Matonich, 2nd by D'Antonio, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ D'Antonio, Matonich, Haustein, Peterson and Wegner to accept and award the bid for culverts to U.P. Concrete & Pipe in the amount of \$24,664.90.

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- d. Bid Tabulations for V-Bottom Gravel Trailers ~ 2 bid packets were sent out and 1 bid was received. Darren advised the Board that there were no bids received for the additional bid option for pup end trailers. This was due to the trailer fabricator from Express Welding stating that these types of trailers will not be made due to his upcoming retirement. Discussion took place on purchasing these trailers from a vendor that will no longer be in business. It was suggested that other vendors in Wisconsin, Minnesota, etc. should be researched. It was felt that if there is minimal fabrication of these types of trailers that they may not be as efficient as thought. Discussion took place on the difference between the dump and v-bottom trailers. It was agreed that gravel needs to be placed on the road system and a more efficient way of doing so is important. A motion was made by Matonich, 2nd by D'Antonio, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ D'Antonio, Matonich, Haustein, Peterson and Wegner to accept and award the bid to Express Welding Inc. in the amount of \$90,486 for 2 trailers.
- e. Bid Tabulations for Grader Lease ~ 7 bid packets were sent out and 3 bids were received. The bids tabulations were discussed. A motion was made by Matonich, 2nd by Haustein, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Haustein, Matonich, Peterson, D'Antonio & Wegner to accept and award the bid to Nortrax Equipment for 3-Model 770GP and 1-Model 772GP (AWD) and add an Object Detection System to the AWD Model 772GP that will be used in Ramsay. The total lease amount for the 4 graders is \$121,367.25 per year. The Object Detection System is an additional \$2,000 and will be added to the amortization schedule. Discussion on grader #428 took place. The amount that Nortrax will give for a trade-in on this unit is \$54,000. It is felt that this unit could be sold for more than \$54,000. Information will be provided to the Board as it is received.
- f. Administrative Vehicle Use Policy ~ The policy was read and discussed. A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2nd by Matonich with all in favor to approve the identified changes and adopt this policy. The final policy will be provided at the next regular meeting.

VIII. New Business ~

- a. 2015 Office of Commission Audit Findings ~ Explanations of the findings were discussed. No action was taken.
- b. Extension for Chip Seal Bid from 2016 ~ Correspondence from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers dated February 23, 2017 indicated that the 2016 pricing will be extended for 2017. This extension is for the 2016 projects that were postponed due to the July 11, 2016 flooding event.
- c. Extension for HMA Local Paving Bid from 2016 ~ Correspondence from Northwood's Paving that the 2016 pricing will be extended for 2017. This extension is for the 2016 projects that were postponed due to the July 11, 2016 flooding event.
- d. Non-Motorized Trail Phase 3 & Drive Approach Estimate ~ Phase 3 of the project will run between Bessemer and Ramsay.

Option 1 would assign easement from the landowners (City of Bessemer and Bessemer Township) to MDNR granting MDNR to build and maintain the trail. MDNR would then write an easement to GCRC. GCRC would then be the recipient of the MDOT TAP Grant.

Option 2 would assign easement from the landowners (City of Bessemer and Bessemer Township) to GCRC. GCRC would then apply for the MDOT TAP Grant and be the recipient.

With both options MDNR would prepare a 20 year lease to the Trail Authority for operations and maintenance of the trail. Discussion took place on why GCRC is involved in this project. The MDOT TAP Grant can only be awarded/obligated to ACT 51 Agencies. The grant would be awarded to GCRC. GCRC would pay the contractor through progress schedules provided by MDOT. No road commission funds would be used for this project. This process was used in Phase 2 and there were no issues. A motion was made by Matonich, 2nd by D'Antonio, with Peterson & Wegner in favor; Haustein opposed to move forward with Option 1.

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The Trail Authority has requested that GCRC prepare a bid for the installation of a culvert on US-2 near Jackson Road for the snowmobile trail. Discussion took place. Darren will prepare a bid for this project using GCRC work forces.

- e. Labor, Equipment & Materials Shared with other Government Entities Policy ~ The policy from 2015 was discussed. No changes were made however shared services in the future will be brought to the Board on case by case situations.
- f. Mediation for Grievances ~ Darren advised the Board that the mediation will take place on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 and he will update the Board as needed.
- g. Change Date for Thursday, April 6, 2017 Meeting ~ This meeting was originally scheduled during the organizational meeting due to the Commissioners Seminar. At this time there are no commissioners planning on attending this seminar and Darren will be out of town during this time. A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Haustein with all in favor to re-schedule this meeting to Monday, April 10, 2017.

VIII. Public Comment ~ Dan Siirila asked if there were any updates on the property in the Ironwood Industrial Park. Darren stated that there are no updates. Mr. Siirila asked about the sanding of Powderhorn Road and US2 near Walmart during the storm on Friday afternoon and Saturday. He also stated that he thinks the v-bottom trailers should have been used on a trial basis prior to purchasing. He added that having the seasonal workers work 40 hours a week when there is no snowplowing operations needed is costing the GCRC money.

IX. Adjourn ~ A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2nd by Matonich with all in favor to adjourn at 7:26 pm.

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Secretary

Chair