

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

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016**

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, Vice-Chair	Rob Drier, Commissioner
	Dan Siirila, Commissioner	Roy D'Antonio, Commissioner
	Darren Pionk, Engineer/Manager	Patricia Hagstrom, Secretary

Also Present: 5 Public Attendees

- I. Call to Order** ~ Vice-Chair Wegner called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Approval of Agenda** ~ A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by D'Antonio, with all in favor to approve the agenda.
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes** ~ A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2nd by Drier, with all in favor to approve the following minutes:
 - Township Meeting of Monday, November 28, 2016
 - Finance Meeting of Monday, November 28, 2016
 - Regular Meeting of Monday, November 28, 2016
 - Budget Workshop of Wednesday, December 7, 2016
- V. Public Comment ~ On Agenda Items Only ~ 5 minute limit ~ None**
- VI. Old Business**
 - a. Land/Facility Discussion ~ Darren has met with the City of Ironwood regarding the vacant lot in the Industrial Park. Darren has the City of Ironwood's ordinance regarding the property and will be reviewing it as part of the due diligence study. Darren has a meeting with a representative with Barrientos Design & Consulting on the design of the facility and how it may fit into the property in the industrial park. No action was taken.
 - b. Employee Assistance Program ~ Patti stated this program was provided years ago and was cancelled in 2009 or 2010. Other road commissions who offer this program are using the Great Lakes Recovery Centers Behavioral Health Services out of Houghton. The charge for this program is \$15 per full-time employee and \$8 per part-time employee (these amounts are a yearly cost). A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2nd by Siirila with all in favor to table this item and have Patti contact GLRCBHS for additional information for the next regular meeting.
- VII. New Business**
 - a. MDOT State Maintenance Contract ~ Darren discussed the check list for completing the contract. Three of the major changes from the previous contract is the budget amounts guaranteed for non-winter maintenance, liability insurance and fringe benefits for seasonal workers. D'Antonio asked what the GCRC is required to do under the contract. Darren stated that the MDOT budget amounts are identified by activity such as surface maintenance, roadside mowing, signs, ditch cleaning, winter maintenance, etc. There are additional monies that are provided for additional work and are allocated through Transportation Work Authorizations with MDOT. A motion was made by Commissioner D'Antonio, 2nd by Commissioner Drier, with a roll call

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taken: Ayes ~ Drier, D'Antonio, Siirila & Wegner to sign the contract and adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation ("MDOT") has presented a contract between MDOT and the Gogebic County Road Commission under which the Road Commission would perform maintenance on state trunkline highways within Gogebic County for the time period beginning on October 1, 2016 and ending on September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, MDOT has affirmatively found that contracting with the Gogebic County Road Commission for the maintenance of State Trunk Line highways and bridges within Gogebic County, is in the best public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Gogebic County Road Commission concurs in MDOT's finding that it is in the best public interest to contract with the Gogebic County Road Commission for the maintenance of State Trunk Line highways and bridges within Gogebic County for the reason that the Road Commission has a proven record of efficiently providing a high level of service on State Trunkline Highways within Gogebic County; and

WHEREAS, the Gogebic County Road Commission has reviewed the terms of the contract; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gogebic County Road Commission hereby accepts and agrees to enter into the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract presented by MDOT and **Marti Wegner, Vice-Chair** and **Rob Drier, Commissioner** are authorized to sign the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract.

- b. Christmas Hams for Employees ~ A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by D'Antonio, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ D'Antonio, Siirila, Drier & Wegner to purchase a ham for each employee including the seasonal workers at the cost of \$25 each.
- c. Over the Counter & Prescription Drug Policy ~ An Over-the-Counter and Prescription Drug Policy and Safety-Sensitive Employee Release to Work Form for Prescription Medications were received from the Michigan County Road Commission Self Insurance Pool. A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by D'Antonio with all in favor to table this item to gather additional information.
- d. Engineer/Manager Employment Contract ~ A draft of the contract was provided to the Board for review. No action was taken.

VIII. Public Comment ~ Carl Maki asked about the equipment that is parked along Powers Road. Darren stated he will contact Snowden regarding this equipment. Mr. Maki asked if there were any updates on the property on Marshelak Road. Darren stated that there is no new information. Mr. Maki asked if certified payrolls are required when GCRC works for MDOT. Darren stated that certified payrolls are not required.

IX. Adjourn ~ A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by Drier, with all in favor to adjourn at 6:39 pm.

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Secretary

Vice-Chair