

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

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 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:	Don Bennetts, Chairman	Marti Wegner, Vice-Chair
	Rob Drier, Commissioner	Roy D'Antonio, Commissioner
	Dan Siirila, Commissioner	Darren Pionk, Engineer/Manager
	Patricia Hagstrom, Secretary	

Also Present: 6 Public Attendees

- I. Call to Order** ~ Chairman Bennetts called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Approval of Agenda** ~ A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by Wegner, with all in favor to approve the agenda with the following change: move OB. a. East End Foreman to follow New Business.
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes** ~ A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by D'Antonio, with all in favor to approve the following minutes:
 - Special Meeting of Monday, June 13, 2016
 - Finance Meeting of Monday, June 13, 2016
 - Regular Meeting of Monday, June 13, 2016
- V. Public Comment ~ On agenda items ~ 5 minute limit** ~ Larry Grimsby; Erwin Township Supervisor, spoke about the letter presented to the board regarding the improvement in communications between himself and the road commission. He also stated the office staff is pleasant to work with.
- VI. Old Business**
 - b. Building Site for New Facility** ~ Commissioner Siirila stated that he discussed the land in the City of Ironwood Industrial Park with Scott Erickson. The land is approximately 11.9 acres and is for sale for a reasonable price. A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by D'Antonio to have Darren move forward with feasibility studies on this location along with other comparable locations and present the information at the July 25, 2016 meeting. Darren requested the Board to think about what should be done with the land on Marshalek Road.
- VII. New Business**
 - a. Lake Road Inspection Services** ~ A proposal was submitted from Coleman Engineering Company to perform inspection services for the reconstruction project to be done on Lake Road. Additional engineering services are needed this year due to the four (4) bridge projects being done this year and the GCRC engineering tech needs to be at these locations. A motion was made by Wegner, 2nd by Siirila with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Siirila, Wegner, Drier, D'Antonio & Bennetts; to approve the proposal for inspection, testing, administration and project closeout services in the amount of \$21,000.

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- b. 2016 Budget Amendment #1 ~ With the revision of project costs for the bridge projects, paving projects, township matches and other revenue/expenditure changes, a budget amendment was discussed. A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by Drier, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Drier, Siirila, D'Antonio, Wegner & Bennetts, to approve the amendment.
- c. Additional Road Gravel Allocation Discussion ~ Darren presented a letter that was sent to the township supervisors regarding the additional money to be divided by each township to be used for gravel maintenance in 2016. A letter was received by John Cox, Wakefield Township and Larry Grimsby, Erwin Township requesting that ditching and brushing can be done instead of graveling. Discussion took place. A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by Drier, with all in favor to amend the motion made at the Special Meeting of Monday, June 13, 2016 to allow each township to determine what road maintenance work will be done and not limit to gravel placement only.
- d. Response Letter to Gogebic County Board of Commissioners Chairman ~ A letter from Joe Bonovetz was received in the road commission office on Monday, June 13, 2016 requesting information regarding the purchase of land on Marshalek Road, the union contract, the MDOT contract and public relation issues. Darren presented a response letter for discussion. A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by Wegner with all in favor to modify the draft and invite the members of the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners to a joint meeting.

VI. Old Business

- a. East End Foreman ~ A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by Wegner, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Wegner, Siirila, Drier, D'Antonio & Bennetts, to move into closed session at 5:31 pm. A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by D'Antonio, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ to move into open session at 5:56pm. A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by D'Antonio, with a roll call taken: Ayes~ D'Antonio, Siirila, Drier, Wegner & Bennetts, to allow Darren to begin negotiations on a retirement package with the East End Foreman. .

- VIII. Engineer/Manager Reports** ~ These reports were discussed. No action was taken. Commissioner Siirila asked about additional ditching on Lake Road near Spring Lane in Ironwood Township and the Elm Lane Road Bridge. Darren stated that there is a resident that may possibly change the driveway culvert on Lake Road and the resident is to contact the office when the replacement will take place and every effort will be made to ditch at the location. Darren is in the process of ordering the timber for the Elm Lane Road Bridge and estimates that the cost of the timber to be between \$5,000 and \$6,000. Road commission employees will do the repairs. Darren advised the board that there are approximately 70 culverts that will need to be replaced on Lake Road in the future and that the bridge on Maznec Road in Marenisco Township is severely dilapidated and will possibly need to be closed down.

- IX. Public Comment** ~ None

- X. Adjourn** ~ A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by D'Antonio, with all in favor to adjourn at 6:17pm.

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Secretary

Chairman