

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

**ORGANIZATIONAL & REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, January 16, 2017**

The organizational & 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, Commissioner Roy D'Antonio, Commissioner  
John Matonich, Commissioner Dan Peterson, Commissioner  
Darren Pionk, Engineer/Manager Patricia Hagstrom, Secretary

**Also Present:** 7 Public Attendees

- I. **Call to Order** ~ Secretary Hagstrom called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Approval of Agenda** ~ A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wegner, with all in favor to approve the agenda.
- IV. **Nominations for Board Seats** ~

With this being the organizational meeting for fiscal year 2017, Secretary Hagstrom opened the floor for nominations for Chair. Peterson moved, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from D'Antonio that Marti Wegner be place in nomination for Chair with a unanimous vote requested. Secretary Hagstrom proceeded to ask 2 additional times for further nominations. With no additional nominations, nominations were declared closed and the following roll call vote was cast for Marti Wegner to preside as Chair: Ayes ~ D'Antonio, Peterson, Matonich & Wegner. Marti Wegner was thereupon elected to serve as Chair for fiscal year 2017.

Secretary Hagstrom opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair. Wegner moved, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Matonich that Roy D'Antonio be place in nomination for Vice-Chair with a unanimous vote requested. Secretary Hagstrom proceeded to ask 2 additional times for further nominations. With no additional nominations, nominations were declared closed and the following roll call vote was cast for Roy D'Antonio to preside as Vice-Chair: Ayes ~ Matonich, Peterson, D'Antonio & Wegner. Roy D'Antonio was thereupon elected to serve as Vice-Chair for fiscal year 2017.

Secretary Hagstrom opened the floor for nominations for Secretary to the Board. Wegner moved, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from D'Antonio that Patti Hagstrom be place in nomination for Secretary to the Board with a unanimous vote requested. Secretary Hagstrom proceeded to ask 2 additional times for further nominations. With no additional nominations, nominations were declared closed and the following roll call vote was cast for Patti Hagstrom to preside as Secretary to the Board: Ayes ~ D'Antonio, Peterson, Matonich & Wegner. Patti Hagstrom was thereupon elected to serve as Secretary to the Board for fiscal year 2017.

A motion was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson, with all in favor to adopt Roberts Rules of Order, allow the Chair to make motions for new business, be the last voting member upon roll call votes from the board, retain River Valley Bank is as the financial institution as set through the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners and approve the 2017 schedule for Township, Finance and Regular meetings.

The meeting was turned over to Chair Wegner.

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### V. **Approval of Meeting Minutes ~**

A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson, with all in favor to approve the following minutes with changes to the Public Hearing section from the December 27, 2016 minutes:

- Finance Meeting of Tuesday, December 27, 2016
- Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of Tuesday, December 27, 2016

### VI. **Payment of Bills, Approval of Payroll & Financial Reports ~** A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matonich with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Matonich, D'Antonio, Peterson, & Wegner, that claims checks #65177 to #65185 in the amount of \$1,650.60, claims checks #65186 to #65213 in the amount of \$325,651.81, prepay for checks #65214 to #65242 in the amount of \$343,119.95, and payroll from 12/17/2016 to 12/30/2016 in the amount of \$82,758.22 be approved for payment and the supporting vouchers be signed by the Board.

### VII. **Public Comment on Agenda Items – 5 minute limit ~**

Dan Siirila stated that payment to MJO Contracting should be held until the equipment on Powers Road is removed. Darren stated that the equipment is to be removed by Friday, January 20, 2017 and if it is not, it will be towed.

### VII. **Old Business**

- a. Employee Assistance Program ~ Discussion took place on this program. Matonich stated that this is a good program. A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Peterson, D'Antonio, Matonich & Wegner to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Great Lakes Recovery Centers and have Darren Pionk sign the agreement.
- b. Over the Counter Prescription Drug Policy ~ Darren stated that there was discussion on this item at the Great Lakes Council Meeting. The Great Lakes members representing UP Road Commissions are reviewing the policy for implementation in the future. Delta County has approved the policy. D'Antonio asked if the GCRC should have Nick Jacobs, the Prosecuting Attorney for Gogebic County, review the policy. Peterson asked if there are guidelines in the CDL rules regarding this item. Matonich would like more information from other road commissions before adopting this policy and would like to educate the GCRC employees on this item. A motion was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D'Antonio to review this item in a year unless further information is presented.

### VIII. **New Business**

- a. 2017 Comp-Time for Foremen and Engineering Technician ~  
They policy for the foremen represents the winter weekend patrol. One foreman is scheduled for the weekend patrol (including holidays). The foremen receive 1.5 hours for each hour they work. The policy also includes work in the summer when scheduled overtime is worked by the union members. The foremen receive \$250 for the day worked.

The policy for the engineer technician is for summer work when projects are being performed by contractors. The engineer technician receives 1.5 hours for each hour worked.

Secretary Hagstrom indicated that a motion made at the regular meeting of Monday, May 12, 2014 only indicates Friday work for the foremen.

A motion was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson, with all in favor to approve the policy and to include Saturday (\$250 for the day) in the policy regarding the foremen when scheduled overtime is worked by the union members.

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- b. Mailbox Policy ~ The policy from 2009 was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D'Antonio with all in favor to add a \$30 payment if the mailbox support is physically hit and damaged by GCRC equipment.
  - c. PA 152 (Health Insurance Cap or 80/20) ~ This item is reviewed yearly regarding the continuation of the cap amounts or changing to the 80%/20% option. The Board discussed the 2 options and agreed to continue with the cap amounts. No action was taken.
  - d. Engineer Workshop ~ Darren and Tom Leaf (Engineer Technician) will attend this workshop in Sault Ste. Marie from January 31<sup>st</sup> through February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.
  - e. UP Road Builders Association Winter Meeting ~ This meeting will be held in Marquette on February 9 and 10, 2017.
- IX. Public Comment** ~ Mr. Wegner suggested that there may be information in the DOT Regulations regarding over the counter medications. Matonich stated that he is honored and privileged to be a member of the board. He is impressed with the service given to the roads during the summer and winter months. Darren stated that he has met with the union workers regarding the early call in procedure. D'Antonio added that the casino in Watersmeet and the prison in Marenisco are both large employers in the area and the highway between Marenisco and Watersmeet should be monitored closer. Dan Siirila stated that the board discussed having contacts in different areas of the county to call the GCRC to report adverse weather conditions.
- X. Adjourn** ~ A motion was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D'Antonio with all in favor to adjourn at 6:30 pm.

### BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

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Secretary

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Chair