BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS GOGEBIC COUNTY ~ BESSEMER MICHIGAN

TOWNSHIP MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2016

The meeting between the Board of County Road Commissioners and the Townships was held in the offices in the Courthouse Annex, City of Bessemer, on the above date.

Present: Rob Drier, Commissioner Dan Siirila, Commissioner

Darren Pionk, Engineer/Manager Patricia Hagstrom, Secretary

Excused: Marti Wegner, Vice-Chair

Roy D'Antonio, Commissioner

Also Present: John Cox, Wakefield Township; Larry Grimsby, Erwin Township;

and Steven Boyd, Ironwood Township.

I. **Discussion** ~ Darren stated that the 4 new plow trucks have all been delivered and are assigned to the Marenisco and Watersmeet garages. An additional night patrol position has been added this year providing coverage in Watersmeet, Marenisco and west end and 4 seasonal workers have been hired. All 10 sites of damage on Lake Road have been repaired and the road is open thru Wisconsin. Additional work such as paving will be done at these locations in the spring of 2017. There are an additional 8 locations that will be repaired in 2017. Mr. Boyd asked about funding from the State of Michigan. Darren stated that the funding is being provided from the Federal Government. Darren stated that work will be done on Thousand Island Lake Road beginning in 2017 and will be done in 2 phases. Work that was postponed in 2016 due to the flooding is scheduled to be done in 2017 which includes East Shore Road, Anvil Road and the road to the hospital. workshop will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 to discuss the 2017 program budget.

John Cox asked about any additional monies that Trump may distribute for infrastructure improvements. Darren stated that the process to allocate additional funds is long and it wouldn't be known for probably 2 years. He added that if funds are provided projects need to be ready to go at that time as with the ARRA funds provided by President Obama in 2010. Mr. Cox stated that the condition of 519 North going to the industrial park is deteriorating. Darren will look into Category A Funds that are available for Economic Development Road Projects.

Darren stated that the signs for the spring on Lake Road in Ironwood Township have been ordered. He asked Mr. Boyd to check with the township workers about the missing water main caps that are missing on various roads in the township.

Larry Grimsby stated that the ditching on West Pioneer Road has helped with the drainage.

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