

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS  
GOEBIC COUNTY ~ BESSEMER MICHIGAN

REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 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. Due to the number of attendees, this meeting was moved to the Circuit Courtroom.

Present: Art Lyons, Chairman Don Bennetts, Vice-Chairman  
Rob Drier, Commissioner Marti Wegner, Commissioner  
Patricia Hagstrom, Secretary

Darren Pionk, Engineer/Manager was in attendance via phone

Excused: Dan Siirila, Commissioner

Also Present: Numerous Public Attendees

- I. Chairman Lyons called the meeting to order at 5pm. Commissioner Wegner was acting secretary.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Agenda ~ A motion was made by Wegner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Drier, with all in favor to approve the agenda.
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes ~
  - Special Meeting of Wednesday, February 17, 2016 ~ A motion was made by Wegner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Drier; with all in favor to approve the minutes.
  - Regular Meeting of Monday, February 22, 2016 ~ A motion was made by Wegner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bennetts; with all in favor to approve the minutes.
- V. Public Comment ~ Pete Matonich stated that the meeting was not being conducted legally because the meeting was called to order without an acting secretary to record the opening of the meeting, approval of the agenda and approval the meeting minutes from the Special Meeting of February 17, 2016 and Regular Meeting of February 22, 2016. Commissioner Wegner stated she was taking notes for the secretary.

Secretary Hagstrom arrived in the Circuit Courtroom at 5:12 pm and began taking the minutes.

- VI. Payment of Bills ~ A motion was made by Wegner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bennetts, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Bennetts, Wegner & Lyons; Drier abstaining; that claims checks #64180 ~ #64196 in the amount of \$93,115.06, claims checks #64197 ~ #64212 in the amount of \$6,786.93, claim checks #64213 ~ 64245 in the

amount of \$39,490.78, payroll from 02/13/2016 to 02/26/2016 in the amount of \$70,706.13 and payroll from 02/27/2016 to 03/11/2016 in the amount of \$60,079.09 be approved for payment, and the supporting vouchers be signed by the board.

VII. Old Business

- a. Ironwood to Bessemer Trail Easement ~ Correspondence was received from Bryan E. Graham with Young, Graham, Elsenheimer & Wendling, P.C. Mr. Graham has reviewed the easement language and has suggested some changes. No action was taken on this item.
- b. Review and Award Crackfilling Material and Equipment Rental ~ One (1) bid was received from Sherwin Industries. A motion was made by Lyons, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Drier, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Drier, Wegner, Bennetts, & Lyons to accept and award the bid from Sherwin Williams at the bid prices: crackfill material at \$.465 per pound for 50,000 lbs. and equipment rental at \$4,500 per month or \$1,950 per week.
- c. Review and Award Emulsion Material ~ One (1) bid was received from H.G. Meigs. A motion was made by Wegner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Drier, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Drier, Wegner, Bennetts & Lyons to accept and award the bid from H.G. Meigs at the bid price of \$1.52 per gallon for approximately 30,000 gallons.
- d. Review and Award Chip Stone Material ~ Two (2) bids were received by Pitlick & Wick and Ironwood Ready Mix. A motion was made by Lyons, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bennetts, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Bennetts, Drier, Wegner & Lyons to accept and award the bid from Ironwood Ready Mix at the bid prices: 29A aggregate at \$28.00/cyd and ¼" chipstone aggregate at \$30.00/cyd.

VIII. New Business

- a. Set Bid Date for Metal Culverts ~ A motion was made by Lyons, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wegner, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Wegner, Drier, Bennetts & Lyons to call for bids with the due date of Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 10 am.
- b. Set Bid Date for Fleet Fuel Purchase ~ A motion was made by Wegner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Drier, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Drier, Wegner, Bennetts & Lyons to call for bids with the due date of Thursday, March 24, 2016 at 10 am.
- c. Proposal for Annual Financial Audits ~ Makela, Pollack & Ahonen, P.L.L.C. submitted a 3-year proposal for the annual audit. A motion was made by Drier, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wegner, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Wegner, Drier, Bennetts & Lyons to accept the proposal at the cost of \$10,600 for 2015, \$10,350 for 2016 and \$10,450 for 2017.
- d. 2016 Bridge Inspections ~ The bi-annual inspections of sixty-two (62) bridges are due this year. A motion was made by Wegner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Drier, with all in favor to contact Brian

Hintsula with AECOM and have him prepare a proposal for the inspections.

- e. Design Engineering for 2018 Critical Bridges ~ There are two (2) rehabilitation projects for 2018. The locations are the East Shore Road Bridge over the Slate River and Kimberly Road Bridge over the Presque Isle River for 2018. Plans must be submitted to MDOT by the end of 2016. A motion was made by Lyons, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wegner, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Wegner, Drier, Bennetts & Lyons to contact Brian Hintsula with AECOM and have him prepare a proposal for the design engineering.

IX. Financial Reports ~ These reports were discussed. No action was taken.

X. Public Comment ~ Pete Matonich suggested that a better location for future meetings should be considered, as this meeting was opened in the Gogebic County Road Commission's office and had to be moved to the Circuit Courtroom to accommodate those in attendance. Mr. Matonich then asked Commissioner Bennetts to repeat his motion made at the regular meeting held on Monday, February 22, 2016 regarding continuing the process to build a new facility at the location in question. Commissioner Bennetts stated that his motion was to carry thru with the process. Mr. Matonich stated that this meant that no matter what the GCRC is continuing on and would sue the City of Bessemer if necessary. Mr. Matonich stated that nobody would want this facility in their backyard. Mr. Matonich questioned a bill from Coleman Engineering. This bill was for underground storage tank monitoring. Mr. Matonich commented on how it seems items were being pushed thru as in bid awards and professional services. He questioned why the audit services and bridge proposals are not let out for bids to potentially save money. These items are professional services and are not required to be sent out for bids. Linda Nelson asked Commissioner Bennetts and Commissioner Lyons "that if we as the City of Bessemer do not give the GCRC it's way that the GCRC is going to sue us?" Ms. Nelson stated "this was threatening that if we don't allow the GCRC to have it that the GCRC is going to sue us." Commissioner Bennetts stated "as of right now yes." Jim Manchester asked why the road commission employees do not get fleet cards to go to any gas station and why we get fuel from Citgo. Citgo was awarded the bid in 2014. He asked why we couldn't award the lowest bid and then ask the others vendors to honor that bid so the employees could fuel up at any location. He stated that the City of Ironwood has a card and they can fuel up anywhere. Jim Manchester was advised that the road commission has policies on purchasing and bids. Lonnie Wendinger asked why that site was chosen and about the site development clearing and if it went out on bids. He didn't

think you could have work done on public land without going out for bids.

- XI. Adjourn ~ A motion was made by Lyons, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wegner, with all in favor to adjourn at 5:46 pm.

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Secretary

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Chairman