BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS GOGEBIC COUNTY ~ BESSEMER MICHIGAN

REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, MAY 23, 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 |
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| | Rob Drier, Commissioner | Roy D'Antonio, Commissioner |
| | Darren Pionk, Engineer/Manager | Patricia Hagstrom, Secretary |

Excused: Dan Siirila, Commissioner

Also Present: 3 Public Attendees

- I. Call to Order ~ Chairman Bennetts called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
- **II. Approval of Agenda** ~ A motion was made by Wegner, 2nd by Drier, with all in favor to approve the agenda with the following additions: NB. f. Road Complaints and NB. g. Watersmeet Staffing.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Finance Meeting of Monday, May 9, 2016 ~ A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2nd by Wegner; with all in favor to approve the minutes.
- Regular Meeting of Monday, May 9, 2016 ~ A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2nd by Wegner; with all in favor to approve the minutes.
- **IV. Public Comment** ~ On agenda items ~ 5 minute limit ~ none

V. Old Business

- a. UP Road Builders Reminder ~ No one will be attending.
- b. Administrative Office Hours ~ Darren Pionk stated that the majority of other road commissions work 4-10 hour days. Commissioner D'Antonio stated that he brought up this item at the last regular meeting and is satisfied leaving the 4-10 hour days for the office.
- c. OPEB ~ Darren presented a graph regarding the estimated OPEB expenses projected through year 2047. Currently, the GCRC is not required to fund this liability. The GCRC has two (2) CD's identified for OPEB or other emergency needs. No action was taken on this item.

VI. New Business

- a. MDOT Engineering Reimbursement ~ The GCRC is reimbursed \$10,000 each year from MDOT for having a licensed professional engineer employed. A motion was made by Wegner, 2nd by D'Antonio, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ D'Antonio, Wegner, Drier & Bennetts; to have the chairman and two (2) members sign the form for reimbursement.
- b. Soil Compactor Purchase ~ Two (2) price quotes were presented on rental/purchase of a compactor. Road Machinery & Supplies and Miller-Bradford & Riseburg, Inc. submitted quotes. Discussion took place. A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2nd by Wegner, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Wegner, D'Antonio, Drier & Bennetts to rent the compactor for three (3) months (with the option to purchase) from RMS. The monthly rental will be deducted from the purchase price of \$4,189.

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- c. Skid Steer w/Forestry Unit Rental ~ MDOT has requested that GCRC perform full width brush mowing on portions of the state highway. However, to perform this work, GCRC will need to rent a skid steer with a forestry unit attachment that can mulch up to 6" diameter trees. The rental for this equipment will be \$5,900 per month. A motion was made by Wegner, 2nd by D'Antonio, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ D'Antonio, Wegner, Drier & Bennetts, to rent this equipment from Nortrax for two (2) months.
- d. Ironwood Township Local Road Contract ~ A motion was made by Commissioner D'Antonio, 2nd by Commissioner Drier, with all in favor to accept the contract and authorize Chairman Bennetts and Vice-Chair Wegner to sign the contract. The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gogebic County Board of Road Commissioners does hereby accept and approve for signature of Chairman Don Bennetts, and Vice-Chair Marti Wegner, the agreement between the Township of Ironwood and the Gogebic County Road Commission for the following projects:

1. Sixty percent (60%) the cost to pulverize the existing asphalt, add 4: gravel, reshape and compact, placing 3" HMA and shoulder work on Vanderhagen Road located from Slade Road north to Sunset Road approximately 0.55 miles.

Estimate Cost......\$ 89,197.33 Township Share (60%).....Ironwood Township\$ 51,718.40

2. Sixty percent (60%) the cost to add 6" gravel on Welch Creek Road and 3" on Oakhill Lane, reshape and Double Chip Seal on Welch Creek and Oakhill Lane approximately 0.46 miles.

3. One-Hundred Percent (100%) the cost of asphalt oil and chip stones used with the Total Patcher on various roads in Ironwood Township. Gogebic County Road Commission will supply the equipment and labor for use of the Total Patcher at no additional cost to the Township. Amount of materials used will not exceed \$10,000.

Estimate Cost.......Total Patch Various Locations\$ 10,000.00 Township Share (100%).......Ironwood Township\$ 10,000.00

- e. Truck Refurbishing ~ Discussion took place between the Board, Darren and Scott Cebolski (Shop Foreman) regarding refurbishing unit #337. This unit is a 1995 International single-axle truck. The intent is to have a partial refurbish job completed which would replace the frame rails and cross members. All other components would remain and be replaced by GCRC mechanics if needed. A quote was received from Valley Truck Parts for approximately \$28,000 to \$30,000. It is estimated that the refurbish job would extend the use of this truck for seven (7) to ten (10) years. A motion was made by Drier, 2nd by Wegner, with all in favor to call for bids and allow Darren to award the bid (prior to Board approval) in the best interest and advantage of the County of Gogebic and not to exceed \$30,000 on the refurbishing of #337.
- f. Road Complaints ~ Commissioner D'Antonio stated that there has been a lot of complaints on highly populated roads and the issues should be addressed. He suggested transferring funds and asking the townships to participate in funding to make

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road repairs. Discussion took place. Darren stated that ditching has begun and Bass Lake Road is on the schedule. D'Antonio suggested that gravel should be placed on Langford Lake Road and stated that GCRC should be using some of the fund balance to repair roads. Mr. Pionk stated that funding is the same as ten (10) years ago and that use of the funding is a Board decision. A portion of the fund balance is placed in CD's for a new facility and priorities should be set for future projects. D'Antonio stated that something needs to be done. A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2nd by Wegner, with all in favor to hold a special meeting (work session) on Monday, June 13, 2016 at 3pm.

- g. Watersmeet Staffing ~ D'Antonio asked about the replacement of the Working Foreman. Mr. Pionk stated that the job was posted through the union employees and there were no applicants. There are applications on file, a posting will be put in the paper and interviews will be set up. D'Antonio questioned the hiring process. Darren explained that Scott Cebolski, Scott Maki and himself go through the applications, discuss and interview the applicants they feel are the most qualified applicants. Discussion among Scott Cebolski, Scott Maki, Darren and the Board took place.
- VII. Engineer/Manager Reports ~ Darren advised the Board that the summer engineering intern has started and that the other summer workers have been cleaning around the shops of scrap metal, etc. The reports were discussed. No action was taken.
- IX. Public Comment ~ This item was moved up due to meeting moving into closed session (Item VIII.) Scott Cebolski suggested that the Board should discuss a plan on road projects. Discussion took place on staffing levels to get projects done. Mr. Cebolski would like some more response and open discussion from the Board during meetings.

Chairman Bennetts moved, 2nd by Drier, with all in favor to recess the meeting for 10 minutes.

- VIII. Union Negotiations ~ A motion was made by Wegner, 2nd by Drier, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Drier, Wegner, D'Antonio & Bennetts to move into closed session at 6:50 pm. A motion was made by Wegner, 2nd by D'Antonio, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ D'Antonio, Wegner, Drier & Bennetts to move into open session at 7:20 pm. A motion was made by Bennetts, 2nd by Wegner, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Wegner, Bennetts, Drier & D'Antonio to approve the Agreement with Local #662 (Gogebic County Road Commission Employees). A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2nd by Wegner, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Wegner, D'Antonio, Drier & Bennetts to approve the Compensatory Time Agreement modification which changes the accumulated hours from 40 hours to 60 hours. A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2nd by Drier, with all in favor to have two (2) members sign the Letter of Agreement with the Gogebic County Road Commission Employees Local #662 regarding relieving Lawrence Vestich from permanent/seasonal assignment to any full-time State Highway plow route.
- **X.** Adjourn ~ A motion was made by Drier, 2nd by D'Antonio, with all in favor to adjourn at 7:26 pm.

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