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

### REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 25, 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 We
	Rob Drier, Commissioner	Dan Siiril
	Roy D'Antonio, Commissioner	Darren
	Patricia Hagstrom, Secretary	

Marti Wegner, Vice-Chair Dan Siirila, Commissioner Darren Pionk, Engineer/Manager

Also Present: Numerous Public Attendees

- I. Call to Order ~ Chairman Bennetts called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.
- **II.** Approval of Agenda ~ A motion was made by Siirila, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D'Antonio, with all in favor to approve the agenda.

### III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Regular Meeting of Monday, April 11, 2016 ~ A motion was made by Siirila, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D'Antonio; with all in favor to approve the minutes with the addition.
- Special Meeting of Thursday, April 21, 2016 ~ A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wegner; with all in favor to approve the minutes.

### IV. Public Comment ~

• Roy Contratto asked if there was going to be any discussion on the building and if correspondence had been received from the Bessemer Planning Commission. He was advised that this subject was not on the agenda. He then asked where the Board stands on this subject. Commissioner Siirila stated that it is agreed that a new facility is needed and different sites are being discussed. He added that the main goal is to settle the union contract.

### V. Old Business

a. Budget Review & Project Discussion ~ The budget review was again discussed from being tabled from the April 11, 2016 meeting. Adjustments were made for winter plowing, equipment expense, construction costs and other items that needed to be modified. Additional projects were discussed with the additional monies of approximately \$410,901 available from the building/land project that has been put on hold. The locations discussed were Anvil Road, East Shore Road, Copps Mine Road, Marion Lake Road, Junet Road, Blackjack Road, McDonald Dam Road, and various south Wakefield locations. The total estimate for these locations is \$591,995. The Board discussed funding for Blackjack coming from the possible casino construction. This location was taken off the list. Marion Lake was discussed and is identified as a local road and Forest Service Road. The option of RAC funding was discussed. The Engineer/Manager will contact the township and USDA Forest Service to inquire about cost sharing. Junet Road work was for chip seal, McDonald Dam Road and the locations in Wakefield work was for 4" of aggregate base. The Engineer/Manager stated that HMA costs are down and this should be taken into consideration on deciding on which projects should be done. The Engineer/Manager advised the Board that with the bid savings from the Lake Road project there is approximately \$140,000 in Federal Funds that is available. The funds would be obligated to be used in 2017 if the permits are submitted on time. He explained that the monies could be used for striping or for

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replacing a box culvert on East Shore Road. A motion was made by Wegner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D'Antonio, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ D'Antonio, Wegner, Drier, Siirila & Bennetts to pave .75 miles of Anvil at the cost of \$116,620, chip seal East Shore for 9.80 miles at the cost of \$196,000, gravel & pulverize Copps Mine Road for .40 miles for the cost of \$20,000, replace the box culvert on East Shore Road at the cost of \$120,000, and approve the work order with Coleman Engineering for the culvert topographic survey & design for the amount of \$4,200. A motion was made by Wegner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Siirila, with all in favor to continue the research for GPS software and units.

b. Commissioner Meeting Compensation ~ With the addition of the Finance Meetings and Township Supervisors Meetings, direction was asked for from the Board on compensation. A motion was made by Siirila, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D'Antonio, with all in favor to consider these meetings as part of the regular scheduled meetings as they are held prior to the regular meetings.

### VI. New Business

a. Contract & Resolution with the City of Ironwood ~ Commissioner D'Antonio questioned why the road commission is performing work for the City of Ironwood. The Engineer/Manager explained that we have the equipment and part of the State of Michigan recommendations is to begin sharing services with other municipalities. D'Antonio asked why our equipment cannot be used by city workers. The Engineer/Manager stated that he it would be a liability issue and that the GCRC employees are trained. Commissioner Siirila doesn't believe the GCRC employees should be doing extra work for others when we can't get our own maintenance work done. A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wegner, with all in favor to accept the contract (for this year only), authorize Chairman Bennetts and Vice-Chair Wegner to sign the contract and adopt the following resolution:

### 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 City of Ironwood and the Gogebic County Road Commission for the following projects:

1. One-hundred percent (100%) the cost to Total Patch portions of Ayer Street in the city of Ironwood utilizing asphalt emulsion, chip stone and total patcher equipment. Price includes one laborer, benefits, materials, equipment, and overhead to perform the work. City to provide additional laborer for patching machine, traffic regulators and signage for lane closure. Estimate is based on 2-3 days of work.

\*Time includes fringe benefits and overhead

b. Excavator Lease for Culvert Projects ~ There are culverts on Thousand Island Lake Road that will require an excavator. A motion was made by Siirila, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Drier, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Drier, Siirila, D'Antonio, Wegner & Bennetts to call for quotes for the rental of an excavator on a monthly basis and allow the Engineer/Manager to select the best quote for the rental.

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- c. Thousand Island Lake Road Memo of Agreement ~ This agreement is for a three (3) year project and is in draft form. In order to finalize the agreement, a motion was made by Siirila, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wegner, with all in favor to authorize the Engineer/Manager to sign the MOA and return it to MDOT and FHWA. This project is will be bid let in September and the final MOA will be presented to the Board for approval.
- d. Great Lakes Council Meeting ~ This meeting will be held in Baraga on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- X. Engineer/Manager Reports ~ Road inspections with Wakefield and Ironwood Townships have been scheduled. Commissioner Siirila stated that if needed an additional seasonal summer worker should be hired. The Engineer/Manager stated he had received an application from a MI Tech student. The GCRC has hired students from MI Tech for a number of years to help with engineering work. Siirila said it was a good idea and suggested he be called to work for the summer.

# XI. Public Comment ~

- Pete Matonich suggested that the shoulders on East Shore Road be fixed. The Engineer/Manager stated that the shoulder reclaimer and a truck with the tailgate spreader are being set up for shoulder work. Mr. Matonich also stated he has spoken with Greg Ryskey with the Gogebic County Forestry about a 5-year plan for road improvements. Mr. Matonich would like improvements made to Mosinee Grade Road.
- Derrick Jeske, a resident of Ulvila Road, stated that he has had numerous vehicle repairs due to the condition of Ulvila Road. He stated that the base of the road is shot and that other people are grading the road. The GCRC will look into this problem and has a culvert replacement scheduled.
- Richard Wanink asked which culvert was being replaced. Scott Maki, Foreman, explained the location.
- Don Grbavcich stated that being the grader operator he thinks graveling of the roads should be done on roads near the gravel source to eliminate wasting time traveling. He suggested that with the increase in logging, the Federal Forest Service should be contacted to see if they would open some of the old pits. He stated that the working foreman position has been posted for the Watersmeet Garage; he asked when the same position would be posted for the Bessemer Garage. The Engineering/Manager stated not at this time.
- **XII.** Adjournment ~ A motion was made by Wegner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Siirila, with all in favor to adjourn at 6:36 pm.

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Secretary

Chairman