



**APRIL 25, 2015 REGULAR MEETING CONTINUED**

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 Copsps 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.*

*Estimate Cost.....T&M.....\$6,500 to \$8,200  
City Cost (100%).....City of Ironwood.....\$6,500 to \$8,200*

*\*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.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

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