

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

**REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 23, 2017**

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:	Marti Wegner, Chair	Roy D'Antonio, Vice-Chair
	John Matonich, Commissioner	Dan Peterson, Commissioner
	Darren Pionk, Engineer/Manager	Patricia Hagstrom, Secretary

Also Present: 7 Public Attendees

- I. Call to Order** ~ Chair Wegner called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Approval of Agenda** ~ A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Wegner, with all in favor to approve the agenda with the following addition: NB. h. Personnel Issue
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes** ~ A motion was made by Matonich, 2nd by D'Antonio, with all in favor to approve the minutes from the Organizational & Regular meeting of January 16, 2017.
- V. Public Comment** ~ None
- VII. Old Business** ~
 - a. UP Road Builders Winter Meeting ~ This meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn of Marquette on February 9 and 10, 2017. The agenda was presented to the Board. Darren, Marti and Dan will be attending this meeting.
Darren added that he will be attending the 2017 Highway Conference in Lansing on March 14-16. The New Commissioners' Workshop will be held on March 14 in Lansing and Board members are welcome to attend.
- VIII. New Business**
 - a. MDOT Contract for Thousand Island Lake Road Phase I ~ The contract and resolution was presented to the Board. D'Antonio asked when this work will be completed. Darren stated that this phase will be complete on July 15, 2017. Phase II will begin around this same time and be completed by September 15, 2017. A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Matonich, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Matonich, Peterson, D'Antonio & Wegner; to accept the contract, authorize Chair Wegner & Vice-Chair D'Antonio 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 Chair Wegner, and Vice-Chair D'Antonio, the agreement between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Gogebic County Road Commission for the following project:
FLAP 27174; JOB #130992A; FLH 1627(010) RT 0502; FEDERAL PARTICIPATION: Hot mix asphalt crushing, shaping, and resurfacing work along Thousand Island Lake Road from Highway US-2 southerly for approximately 3 miles; including non-motorized path work; and all together with necessary related work.

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- b. Set Bid Opening Date for New Grader Leasing ~** The recommendations presented to the Board are as follows:

- Sell or trade the grader that the GCRC owns.
- The lease on the 3 graders in the fleet is up in June of this year. The options on the lease are to return the graders to John Deere or purchase the graders for the remaining balance. Darren would like to have these graders appraised to see what option would be best for the GCRC. If the value of the leased graders is favorable, then the GCRC would purchase them, sell them and apply that amount towards the lease amount on 4 new graders.

Matonich confirmed that the recommendation is to lease 4 new graders. Darren stated that this is the recommendation. Matonich questioned that if the GCRC purchases the 3 leased graders how long it would take to sell them. Darren stated that the GCRC has used Wisconsin Surplus, an on-line auction, in the past to sell equipment. Matonich would like to have the information on the appraisal, how long it will take to sell the graders and what the true cost of selling them would be after fees/charges to post them on the on-line auction. A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2nd by Matonich, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Matonich, D'Antonio, Peterson & Wegner; to call for bids on the lease of 4 new graders and set the bid opening for 2 pm on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. The bid tabulations will be presented to the Board at the regular meeting on Monday, February 27, 2017.

- c. Set Bid Opening Date for V-Bottom Gravel Trailers ~** The recommendation is to purchase 2 v-bottom trailers for gravel placement. A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2nd by Peterson to call for bids. D'Antonio stated that some of the biggest complaints received are about the condition and maintenance of gravel roads. He supports the purchase as long as the trailers will be used properly. Peterson asked if the trucks that would be used with these trailers are equipped properly. Darren stated that a few adjustments would need to be made to the trucks. Matonich suggested that a gravel train with a pup may be a better option as more gravel could be hauled and would like to have this option added to the bid as an alternate. Darren stated that with the size of a gravel train with a pup may be a problem for turning around on most roadways. Peterson rescinded his 2nd on the above motion and D'Antonio rescinded his 1st. A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2nd by Matonich, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Matonich, D'Antonio, Peterson & Wegner; to call for bids on 2 v-bottom trailers, add a 10 yard pup as an alternate bid and set the bid opening for 1 pm on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. The bid tabulations will be presented to the Board at the regular meeting on Monday, February 27, 2017.
- d. Set Bid Opening Date for Asphalt Emulsion and Chip Stone ~** A motion was made by Matonich, 2nd by D'Antonio, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ D'Antonio, Matonich, Peterson & Wegner to call for bids on the total patcher materials and set the bid opening for 11 am on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. The bid tabulations will be presented to the Board at the regular meeting on Monday, February 27, 2017.
- e. Set Bid Opening Date for Culvert Material ~** A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2nd by Peterson to call for bids. Matonich stated that he agreed with not using plastic culverts. Darren added that plastic culverts don't have the life service as aluminized coated metal culverts. A roll call was taken: Ayes ~ Peterson, D'Antonio, Matonich & Wegner to call for bids for aluminized coated metal culverts and set the bid opening for 11:30 am on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. The bid tabulations will be presented to the Board at the regular meeting on Monday, February 27, 2017.
- f. Local 13B Task Force Meeting ~** The Gogebic County Representatives will meet on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 10 am at the GCRC office. This meeting is to discuss 2018-2020 projects and priorities funded by federal transportation and state economic development funds.

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- g. Regional 13B Task Force Meeting ~ The Region 13B Representatives will meet on Friday, January 27, 2017 at 1 pm (eastern time) at the Ontonagon County Road Commission office. This meeting is to review and discuss 2018-2020 projects and priorities funded by federal transportation and state economic development funds.

VIII. Engineer/Manager Reports ~ These reports were discussed. No action was taken. D'Antonio informed the Board on some of the circumstances that occurred at a recent fatal accident in Iron County Michigan involving an Iron County Road Commission grader. He suggested that additional lighting be added and considered on the proposed bid to lease 4 new graders.

IX. Public Comment ~ Mr. Wegner asked if bars would be placed in any new culvert installations to detour the placement of items to plug the culverts by individuals. Darren stated that in most cases the culverts are plugged by natural debris.

- h. Personnel Issue ~ This item was added to the agenda and was questioned by Darren and the secretary as to the reason for the addition. Wegner stated that it was regarding the use of the vehicle owned by the GCRC that is being used for personal use by Darren. Darren stated that he would like to discuss this item in closed session. A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2nd by Peterson, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Peterson, D'Antonio, Matonich & Wegner to move into closed session at 6:21 pm. A motion was made by Peterson, 2nd by Matonich, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Matonich, Peterson, D'Antonio & Wegner to move into open session at 6:53 pm.

X. Adjourn ~ A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2nd by Peterson with all in favor to adjourn at 6:54 pm.

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Secretary

Chair