

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
GOGEbic COUNTY ~ BESSEMER MICHIGAN

REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners was held in the Circuit Courtroom, City of Bessemer, on the above date.

Present: Art Lyons, Chairman Don Bennetts, Vice-Chairman
 Rob Drier, Commissioner Marti Wegner, Commissioner
 Dan Siirila, Commissioner Darren Pionk, Engineer/Manager
 Patricia Hagstrom, Secretary

Also Present: Numerous Public Attendees

- I. Chairman Lyons called the meeting to order at 5pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Approval of Agenda ~ A motion was made by Bennetts, 2nd by Wegner, with all in favor to approve the agenda with the following additions: OB. e. Engineer/Managers Wage Review, NB. f. MDOT Road Certification, NB. g. New Commissioner Discussion and NB. h. Gogebic County Board Letter.
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes ~
 - Regular Meeting of Monday, March 14, 2016 ~ A motion was made by Wegner, 2nd by Drier; with Bennetts & Lyons in favor; Siirila opposed; to approve the minutes.
- V. Public Comment ~ Pete Matonich questioned the approved minutes from the regular meeting of Monday, March 14, 2016. He stated that he spoke at the 1st public comment section of that meeting stating that the meeting was called to order without an acting secretary and that the meeting was being held illegally. Commissioner Wegner stated she was taking notes for the secretary. Mr. Matonich also stated that the township meeting held prior to this meeting at 4:15 was not legal as it was not publicly noticed.

At this time Wegner rescinded her motion to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2016 meeting, Drier then rescinded his 2nd. Corrections will be made to these minutes and they will be presented at the next scheduled meeting of Monday, April 11, 2016.

John Racovitis discussed a plan for a new facility. He stated he has property in the industrial park and that the City of Bessemer owns property adjoining his that the City would possibly sell for a new facility. Rudy Grbavcich stated that the specific site for the new facility is near a residential area and that even if the proper steps are taken and approval to build a new facility is

granted, the neighbors and the GCRC will not get along. He stated that when he was a member of the GCRC board discussion took place about a new facility, however funding was not available. He questioned where the funding would come from now as funding for road improvements are low.

- VI. Payment of Bills ~ A motion was made by Bennetts, 2nd by Wegner, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Wegner, Bennetts & Lyons; Drier abstaining; Siirila opposing; that claims checks #64246 ~ #64252 in the amount of \$1,996.96, claims checks #64253 ~ #64267 in the amount of \$35,236.28, claims checks #64268 ~ #64277 in the amount of \$40,279.93 and payroll from 03/12/2016 to 03/25/2016 in the amount of \$64,871.78 be approved for payment, and the supporting vouchers be signed by the board.
- VII. Old Business
- a. Ironwood to Bessemer Trail Easement ~ Darren Pionk has been working with MDOT and MDNR regarding the easement document as it still outlines GCRC as responsible for the operation and maintenance of the trail. This issue is being corrected and will need to be approved by the Board. A motion was made by Bennetts, 2nd by Wegner, with all in favor to hold a special meeting for approval and signatures. No date has been set.
 - b. Review and Award Purchase of Metal Culverts ~ Three (3) bids were received, UP Concrete Pipe, ASDCO and Contech. A motion was made by Lyons, 2nd by Wegner, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Wegner, Siirila, Drier, Bennetts & Lyons to accept and award the bid from ASDCO for the total bid price of \$25,474.80.
 - c. Review and Award Purchase of Fuel ~ Three (3) bids were received, Holiday Station Stores, BP/Stempihar Inc. and Krist Oil. A motion was made by Wegner, 2nd by Lyons, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Wegner, Drier, Siirila, Bennetts & Lyons to accept and award the bid from Krist Oil at the \$.10 gallon discount.
 - d. Building Discussion ~ A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by Drier not to spend \$11,250 on the Site Plan Review by the Planning and Zoning Commission. A roll call was taken: Ayes ~ Drier, Siirila, Wegner, Bennetts & Lyons.
 - e. Engineer/Manager Wage Review ~ A motion was made by Lyons, 2nd by Wegner to increase the Engineer/Manager's wage by 2.25% retroactive to January 1, 2016. Siirila stated that the Board should wait until the Union Contract is settled. Discussion took place and a roll call was taken: Ayes ~ Wegner, Drier, Bennetts & Lyons; Siirila opposed to increase the Engineer/Manager's wage.

VIII. New Business

- a. MDOT 2015 ACT 51 Extension ~ A motion was made by Wegner, 2nd by Bennetts, with all in favor to approve the letter of extension to be sent to MDOT.
- b. Resolution to Sign Contract for Lake Road Construction Project ~ A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by Wegner, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Wegner, Siirila, Drier, Bennetts & Lyons to accept the contract, authorize Chairman Lyons and Vice-Chairman Bennetts 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 Art Lyons, and Vice-Chairman Don Bennetts, the agreement between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Gogebic County Road Commission for the following project:

STL 27555; JOB #119566a; STP 1627(003); YY 0567; FEDERAL PARTICIPATION:

Hot mix asphalt crushing, shaping and resurfacing along Lake Road from north of Vanderhagen Road northwesterly for approximately 2.8 miles; including shoulder cold milling, traffic control, and pavement marking work; and all together with necessary related work.

- c. Letter of Support for the Bessemer Township Memorial Park Renovations & Iron Belle Trailhead Project ~ A draft letter of support was presented to the board for this project. A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by Drier, with all in favor to accept and forward this letter.
- d. Summer Workers ~ A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by Lyons, with all in favor to hire five (5) summer workers.
- e. Commissioner Seminar (April 17-19, 2016) Sault Ste. Marie ~ reminder
- f. MDOT Road Certification Maps ~ A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by Drier, with all in favor to have Chairman Lyons sign the maps for submittal to MDOT.
- h. Gogebic County Board Letter ~ Chairman Lyons received a letter dated Thursday, March 24, 2016 from the Gogebic County Board to schedule a joint meeting on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at 4:30 pm.

Chairman Lyons flipped items h & g

- g. New Commissioner Discussion ~ Discussion took place on the issues regarding the Gogebic County Road Commission brought to the Gogebic County Board of Commissioners at its

meeting held on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 by a member of the Gogebic Road Commission Board. No action was taken.

- X. Public Comment ~ Paul Anderson with Coleman Engineering asked about the time limit to post a special meeting, which is 18 hours. Don Grbavcich questioned the amount for a new facility, that the clearing that was done on the property was not put out for bids and that Coleman Engineering does a lot of work for the GCRC and that work is not put out for bids. He feels the Union Contract has been put on the back burner and questioned the amount of money spent on the labor attorney being used. Roy Contratto asked the Board to clarify the motion during item d. under old business. Rudy Grbavcich suggested that the Board attend a meeting about Roberts Rules of Order. Velda Sclafani requested to have the ditch near her home cleaned out. She suggested that ditching be done on a routine basis to avoid future problems with driveways being washed away and flooding. Bruce Kalm also requested ditching near his home. Kevin Haustein stated that a motion should have been made for the Board to visit the property Mr. Racovitis discussed during the Public Comment section at the beginning of the meeting.

Item X & IX were flipped

- IX. Engineer/Manager Reports ~ These reports were discussed. No action was taken.
- XI. Adjourn ~ A motion was made by Siirila, 2nd by Drier, with all in favor to adjourn at 6:32 pm.

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Secretary

Chairman