

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

**REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, February 13, 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  
Dan Peterson, Commissioner  
Darren Pionk, Engineer/Manager

John Matonich, Commissioner  
Kevin Haustein, Commissioner  
Patricia Hagstrom, Secretary

**Excused:** Roy D'Antonio, Vice-Chair

**Also Present:** 11 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Haustein, with all in favor to approve the agenda.
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes** ~ A motion was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Haustein, with all in favor to accept and place on file, for information only, the report of discussion with the townships held on Monday, January 23, 2017 and approve the minutes from:
  - Finance Meeting of Monday, January 23, 2017
  - Regular Meeting of Monday, January 23, 2017.
- V. Public Comment** ~ None
- VII. Old Business** ~
  - a. 2017 Highway Conference March 14-16/Commissioners' Workshop in Lansing Reminder ~ Darren and Dan Peterson are scheduled to attend.
  - b. Up Road Builders Meeting Update ~ Darren gave an update on the possible changes to material selections on projects performed by contractors. Wegner stated that discussion took place regarding warranties on contracted projects, MCRCSIP/CRASIF refunds, wetland banks and damage to roadways from snowmobile groomers. Darren added that his presentation to the group on the July 11, 2016 flooding was well received.
- VIII. New Business** ~
  - a. Joe Stefani Lake Road ROW ~ Mr. Stefani is requesting that the ROW along his property be reduced to 33'. Discussion took place, no action was taken and Darren will write a letter to Mr. Stefani regarding this request.
  - b. Deke Routheaux Langford Lake Road ~ Mr. Routheaux attended the meeting to obtain information on the GCRC taking jurisdiction of the roadway on the east side of Langford Lake Road that is currently under the jurisdiction of the USDA Forest Service. Discussion took place and no action was taken.
  - c. Office Boiler ~ The boiler is in need of replacement. Per the Material/Equipment Purchasing Policy 3 written quotes will need to be called for. These quotes will be presented at the next regular meeting.
  - d. Dunham Road Pit Boundary Survey ~ An estimate and contract was received from Red Maple Land Surveying, LLC in the amount of \$1,000 for the survey. A motion was made

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by Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matonich, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Matonich, Peterson, Haustein & Wegner to accept the contract.

- e. CRA Board of Directors Ballot ~ A motion was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson, with all in favor to vote for Jim Iwanicki.
- f. CRA Amendments to Bylaws and Constitution ~ A motion was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson with all in favor to vote yes on all 4 amendments.
- g. Thousand Island Lake Road Bid Update ~ Bids for Phase I were received on February 3, 2017. The bid tabulation from 4 bidders was presented to the Board. Mathy Construction was awarded the bid for the amount of \$587,222.80. Darren advised the Board that the bid from Mathy came in at approximately 22% under the estimate. Darren is in discussion with MDOT and FHWA to see if the 22% cost saving can be utilized for additional work. He will keep the Board updated on this.

Darren advised the Board that he has approved a permit for drilling on County Road 519. This permit was issued to Orvana/Highland Minerals. They will drill at 9 locations along a ½ mile stretch in Section 5.

Weight restrictions will be placed on the county road system at 9 am on Friday, February 17, 2017. If the weather changes back to colder conditions the restrictions will be lifted.

Information is being compiled for a draft vehicle usage policy that will be presented to the Board.

- VIII. Public Comment** ~ Dan Siirila stated that the warranty on the work done on US2 this past summer should be questioned. He also requested that the Board revise the policy on charges for services with other government entities.

Kathy Stupak-Thrall stated that the plow driver on Thousand Island Lake and Crooked Lake Road is doing a beautiful job. She requested contact information for Mathy Construction for work she may want done on her driveway while they are working on Thousand Island Lake Road this summer.

- IX. Adjourn** ~ A motion was made by Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Haustein with all in favor to adjourn at 6:25 pm.

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**Secretary**

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**Chair**