

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

**REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, April 24, 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.

**Roll Call~**

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

**Also Present:** 10 Public Attendees

- I. **Call to Order** ~ Chair Wegner called the meeting to order at 5:21 pm.
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Approval of Agenda** ~ A motion was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson, with all in favor to approve the agenda.
- IV. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** ~ A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Haustein, with all in favor to approve the minutes from:
  - Finance Meeting of Monday, April 10, 2017
  - Regular Meeting of Monday, April 10, 2017
- V. **Public Comment** ~ None
- VII. **Old Business** ~
  - a. Aspen Lane Repairs ~ Darren stated that the culvert at the intersection of Aspen and Powers will be replaced after the road restrictions are lifted. A TOPO survey will be done on Aspen Lane to determine the location of the centerline and ditch line. This survey will also help estimate the cost to repair this road. D'Antonio asked if all work is ceased when road restrictions are in effect. Darren stated that the GCRC only travels on the roadways for snow removal operations and emergency situations. Darren added that conversations with Senator Casperson's office are ongoing for additional funding for repairs to the local road system from the July 11, 2016 flood event.
  - b. James Loeper, Gogebic County Drain Commissioner, Duck Lake Road Inlet ~ Mr. Loeper stated he met with Commissioner Haustein at the location of the culverts. Mr. Loeper provided photos to show that the culverts are failing and requested that the three culverts be replaced. Haustein stated that the culverts are shot and need to be replaced. Matonich stated that the main concern of the GCRC is the integrity of the road and with the information provided at this meeting, the Board should have not moved so quickly at the last meeting to deny the request from Mr. Loeper. He added that the roadway is stable but doesn't want the culverts to fail to the point where the road will wash away resulting in an emergency situation. Wegner asked what the cost would be to replace these culverts. D'Antonio stated that he thought at previous discussions the cost was estimated at \$30,000. Darren stated that if these culverts are replaced the lake level will drop. D'Antonio questioned this as Darren told the property owners at a meeting held at the Watersmeet school that the lake level wouldn't drop and that he also advised the Board that the culverts were good and now they are not. Discussion took place and it is felt the

culverts should be replaced as a preventative measure. D'Antonio stated that he is disappointed that Darren and Scott Cebolski, Road Foreman, stated that the culverts were in good condition. A motion was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D'Antonio, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ D'Antonio, Matonich, Haustein, Peterson & Wegner to add the replacement of these culverts to the priority list, apply for the DEQ permit and replace these culverts with the DEQ permit specifications. If the DEQ permit or any other correspondence requests that the GCRC perform additional work outside of the roadway, the GCRC will pull out of the permit.

- c. Bid Tabulation for Mechanic Truck ~ Haustein questioned only receiving 1 bid, the age of the truck, mileage and the repairs done on this truck prior to Board approval of the purchase. Matonich asked how this truck compares to the current truck. Darren stated the current mechanics truck was scheduled to be replaced. Matonich asked Dan Siirila, public attendee, what he thought about the truck. Mr. Siirila stated that this type of truck is not on every dealer's lot. He questioned why a crane is needed now as the mechanics have been working without one prior to this bid. Mark Selin, Fleet Manager, added that the welder can be put on this truck and the crane would be helpful in changing large tires on equipment that are not in the shop. **A motion was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Peterson, Matonich, & Wegner; Nay ~ Haustein; D'Antonio abstained; motion passed** to accept and award the bid to Red's Auto for the 2003 Chevrolet C5500 truck in the amount of \$25,072.

#### VIII. New Business ~

- a. 2017 Budget Amendment #1~ Discussion took place. **Haustein stated that amendments to the budget should be made prior to the expenditures and doesn't want to see any surprises in the future to correct bad planning.** Darren stated that 2 to 3 amendments are done throughout the year to adjust to more accurate costs. A motion was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D'Antonio with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ D'Antonio, Matonich, Haustein, Peterson & Wegner to amend the budget as presented.
- b. Construction Inspection Proposal ~ A proposal from Coleman Engineering was presented to the Board and is for engineering service for Lake Road, Thousand Island Lake Road and County Wide Chip Sealing. Darren stated that if the obligation of funds doesn't come through for Thousand Island Lake Road Task 1 for Lake Road would be eliminated as Tom Leaf, Engineer Technician, will be able to perform the work. A motion was made by Peterson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Haustein, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Haustein, Peterson, Matonich, D'Antonio & Wegner to accept the proposal from Coleman Engineering.
- c. 2017 Critical Bridge Application ~ The 2017 Critical Bridge Applications are due on May 1, 2017. This application is for the rehabilitation or preventative maintenance work that will be done in 2020. There are 4 bridges on the list for funding. Darren advised the Board that this application does not guarantee funding for all 4. A motion was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D'Antonio with all in favor to submit the application and adopt the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION**

***BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Gogebic County Board of Road Commissioners has determined that the following bridge is in need of rehabilitation or preventative maintenance, listed in order of priority;

1. *Replacement of Structure-BlackJack Service Drive over Black River, Bridge #3004*
2. *Preventative Maintenance-Chaney Lake Road over Little Black River, Bridge #2987*

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3. *Replacement of Structure-Crozer Street over Middle Branch of Ontonagon River, Bridge #3034*

4. *Replacement of Structure-Mosinee Grade Road over Black River, Bridge #3005*

**WHEREAS**, *these bridges are in need of replacement or rehabilitated maintenance performed, and*

**WHEREAS**, *these bridges are essential to the road system in Gogebic County, and*

**WHEREAS**, *the Board of County Road Commissioners have reviewed and are actively seeking participation in the replacement or rehabilitation maintenance of these structures, and*

**WHEREAS**, *the Board of County Road Commissioners are committing the necessary local funds for design and construction engineering in addition to the 5% (five-percent) funding match for the construction phase of these projects,*

**THEREFORE**, *the Gogebic County Road Commission hereby makes applications for federal and state critical bridge funds to replace or rehabilitative maintenance on such bridges listed by priority.*

- d. Fleet Manager 6-Month Review ~ A motion was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D'Antonio, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ D'Antonio, Matonich, Haustein, Peterson & Wegner to approve Mark Selin's 6-month review and adjust his annual salary to \$49,000.
- e. Excavator and Dozer Rental ~ With the numerous and large culvert replacements on Thousand Island Lake Road a larger excavator is needed. The rental dozer will be used to prepare for sand screening in the Partridge Lane and Dunham Pits. This dozer will also be used to repair Aspen Lane. Discussion took place. Darren will provide rental proposals at the next the next regular meeting.
- f. Set Special Meeting Date for Future Facility Needs ~ A motion was made by Haustein, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D'Antonio, with all in favor to schedule a special meeting on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 5 pm.

**VIII. Public Comment** ~ Dan Siirila questioned why Darren and Scott Cebolski said that the culverts were in good condition at the Duck Lake Road inlet. Matonich commented that he did not like the way Mr. Loeper's letter was presented as he felt it demanded that the culverts be replaced. D'Antonio again commented that Darren advised the property owners that the lake level would not be affected with the replacement of the culverts and now Darren says that it will be affected.

**IX. Adjourn** ~ A motion was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Haustein with all in favor to adjourn at 7:22 pm.

## BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

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Secretary

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Chair