

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

**REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 22, 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.

<b>Present:</b> Marti Wegner, Chair John Matonich, Commissioner Kevin Haustein, Commissioner Patricia Hagstrom, Secretary	Roy D'Antonio, Vice-Chair Dan Peterson, Commissioner Darren Pionk, Engineer/Manager
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**Also Present:** 10 Public Attendees

- I. Call to Order** ~ Chair Wegner called the meeting to order at 5:16 pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Approval of Agenda** ~ A motion was made by Haustein, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson, with all in favor to approve the agenda with the following additions: NB. i. GCRC New Facility and OB. i. Grandview Road.
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes** ~ A motion was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D'Antonio, with all in favor to approve the minutes from:
  - Finance Meeting of Monday, May 8, 2017
  - Regular Meeting of Monday, May 8, 2017
- V. Public Comment** ~ None
- VII. Old Business** ~
  - a. Aspen Lane Repairs ~ Matonich asked if any grading has been done on this road. Scott Cebolski, Road Foreman, stated that grading was attempted but due to the large amount of rain in the past week and a half grading was ceased.  
Joe Gayan, property owner on Aspen Lane, stated that he has had \$250.00 in vehicle repairs because of the condition of the road and that the road is getting worse. Darren stated that reconstruction of the road was not approved and that the culvert at the intersection of Aspen and Powers is scheduled to be replaced. A road survey and profile will be done with approval by the Board.  
Matonich feels that materials should be placed on this road as an interim of the survey and profile work.  
Mary Kusz added that the ditch is bad and that the culvert has not been fixed.  
Wegner stated that the survey and profile are going to be done to determine the proper elevations of the roadway and ditches.  
Joe Gayan asked why the road was no longer being plowed to the end of the road.  
Darren stated that he will have to check with the foreman on this.  
D'Antonio stated that temporary measures should be made to make the road passable.  
A proposal was received from Coleman Engineering to survey Aspen Lane. A motion was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Haustein, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ Haustein, Matonich, Peterson, D'Antonio & Wegner to accept the proposal in the amount of \$7,600.

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- b. Duck Lake Outlet Update ~ Darren advised the Board that the permit is in progress with the MDEQ. It is the responsibility of the MDEQ to inform the residents in the area regarding the permit.  
Matonich asked if the same size culverts will be installed that a currently at the location.  
Darren stated that the same sizes will be installed and that there are 3 24"-50' culverts at the location.  
D'Antonio stated that he received an email from Nick Jacobs, Gogebic County Prosecuting Attorney, indicating that in his opinion this is not a Drain Commissioner issue if the GCRC has other means available to alleviate the problem. His opinion is the result of receiving an email from a public resident indicating possible legal action against the county due to flooding of his/her house because of this drainage issue.  
Darren will provide the Board with the letter received from GCRC legal counsel regarding this issue.
- c. Excavator and Dozer Rental ~ 2 quotes were received. FabickCat quoted \$5,900 per month for the excavator and \$5,500 per month for the dozer. Nortrax quoted \$5,700 per month for the excavator and \$4,850 per month for the dozer. Darren advised the Board that the trucking to deliver and pick-up this equipment is not included in the quotes. A motion was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D'Antonio, with a roll call taken: Ayes ~ D'Antonio, Matonich, Peterson, Haustein & Wegner to accept and approve the quote from Nortrax.
- d. Grader Sale ~ The current auction for the grader ends at 10 am on Tuesday, May 30, 2017. Darren advised the Board that the grader has also been posted with the County Road Association.
- e. Gogebic County Appropriations Update ~ Darren and Dan Peterson, Commissioner, traveled to Lansing last week to meet with Senators and Representatives regarding additional funding for repairs for the local roads that were damaged during the severe weather event on July 11, 2016. The local roads that are in need of repairs are Aspen Lane, Powers Road, Brace Road, Triplett Lane and Partridge Road.
- f. UP Road Builders Summer Meeting ~ This meeting will be held on June 14 & 15, 2017 at the Island Resort Hotel in Harris. Marti and Darren will be attending this meeting.
- g. Road Gravel List from Townships ~ The list was discussed by the Board. A motion was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson, to divide the funds among the townships (\$25,000 each) and let the townships decide where the gravel will be placed. Discussion took place. D'Antonio asked if additional routine maintenance gravel will be placed on roads as needed. Darren stated that it would be. The additional funds that are being divided are from the increased revenue received from the gas tax and vehicle registrations. A roll call was taken: Ayes ~ Peterson, Matonich, Haustein, D'Antonio & Wegner. Motion passed.
- h. Seasonal Workers Update ~ 6 workers have been hired at the time of this meeting.
- i. GCRC New Facility ~ Matonich stated that he has had some time to research information. He found that there is 1 company that has built a majority of the new UP road commission facilities. He would like to have another workshop and invite Gundlach Champion to attend to explain the design build process.

## VIII. New Business ~

- a. Ironwood Township Work Order ~ A motion was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson, with all in favor to accept the contract, authorize Chair Wegner and 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 Marti Wegner, and Vice-Chair Roy D'Antonio, the agreement between the Township of Ironwood and the Gogebic County Road Commission for the following projects:

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1. Sixty percent (60%) the cost to pulverize the existing asphalt, add 4" gravel, reshape and compact, placing 3" HMA and shoulder work on Vanderhagen Road located from Slade Road north to Sunset Road approximately 0.55 miles.

Estimate Cost..... Vanderhagen Road.....\$ 89,197.33  
Township Share (60%).....Ironwood Township.....\$ 51,718.40

2. Sixty percent (60%) the cost to add 6" gravel on Welch Creek Road and 3" on Oakhill Lane, reshape and Double Chip Seal on Welch Creek and Oakhill Lane approx. 0.46 miles.

Estimate Cost..... Oakhill Lane and Welch Creek Road.....\$ 31,665  
Township Share (60%).....Ironwood Township.....\$ 18,999

3. One hundred percent (100%) the cost of asphalt oil and chip stones used with the Total Patcher on various roads in Ironwood Township. Gogebic County Road Commission will supply the equipment and Labor for use of the Total Patcher at no additional cost to Township. Amount of materials used will not exceed \$ 10,000.

Estimate Cost.....Asphalt oil and chip stones.....\$ 10,000 max  
Township Share (100%).....Ironwood Township.....\$ 10,000 max

4. Sixty percent (60%) the cost to pulverize the existing asphalt, replace 3 culverts, add 6" gravel with geogrid, reshape and compact, placing 3" HMA and shoulder work on Section 12 Road located from US-2 north for approximately 0.70 miles.

Estimate Cost..... Section 12 Road.....\$ 143,715  
Township Share (60%).....Ironwood Township.....\$ 86,229

- b. Bessemer Township Work Order ~ A motion was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson, with all in favor to accept the contract, authorize Chair Wegner and 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 Marti Wegner, and Vice-Chair Roy D'Antonio, the agreement between the Township of Bessemer and the Gogebic County Road Commission for the following projects:

1. Sixty percent (60%) the cost to pulverize the existing asphalt, add 4" gravel, reshape and compact, placing 3" HMA and shoulder work on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street located from River Street east and north approximately 0.30 miles.

Estimate Cost..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.....\$ 49,356.00  
Township Share (60%).....Bessemer Township... ..\$ 29,613.60

2. Sixty percent (60%) the cost to add 6" gravel, reshape and compact, and Double Chip Seal on Oak Lane located from 200 feet.

Estimate Cost..... Oak Lane.....\$ 2,600.00  
Township Share (60%).....Bessemer Township... ..\$ 1,560.00

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3. One hundred percent (100%) the cost of asphalt oil and chip stones used with the Total Patcher on various roads in Bessemer Township. Gogebic County Road Commission will supply the equipment and Labor for use of the Total Patcher at no additional cost to Township. Amount of materials used will not exceed \$ 10,000.

Estimate Cost.....Asphalt oil and chip stones.....\$ 10,000 max  
Township Share (100%).....Bessemer Township.....\$ 10,000 max

4. Sixty percent (60%) the cost, reshape and compact, and Double Chip Seal on Stone Road located from North Moore Street east approximately 0.26 miles to curve.

Estimate Cost..... Stone Road.....\$14,275.00  
Township Share (60%).....Bessemer Township... ..\$ 8,565.00

- c. Crackfilling Material Order ~ With the mild spring crackfilling operations started early and additional material is needed. A motion was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D'Antonio, with all in favor to call for bids. The tabulations will be provided at the next regular meeting.
- d. Gravel Supply for Marenisco ~ The stockpile in Marenisco has been depleted. A motion was made by D'Antonio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matonich with all in favor to call for bids. The tabulations will be provided at the next regular meeting.
- e. Coleman Engineering Proposal Ramsay UST Monitoring ~ Discussion took place. A motion was made by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson with a roll call taken: Ayes ~Peterson, Matonich, Haustein, D'Antonio & Wegner to accept the proposal in the amount of \$8,700. This is for the minimum requirement testing.
- f. Working Foreman Watersmeet & Bessemer Garages ~ This job classification at both garages have been vacant. Discussion between Darren and the foremen has taken place and it is felt that these classifications should be filled. A motion was by Matonich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D'Antonio, with all in favor to post this classification for the Watersmeet and Bessemer garages as outlined in the union contract.
- g. Retirement Commission Annual Actuarial Valuation ~ Discussion took place. No action was taken.
- h. West Duck Lake Road Water Issue ~ There is a low area at the end of this road that has water over it. Scott Cebolski stated that gravel will be placed to raise the roadway.
- i. Grandview Road ~ Darren has met with a member of the maintenance personnel with Aspirus Grandview Hospital regarding road improvements. Discussion took place and Darren is to move forward with discussions and propose a 70/30 match with Aspirus for the road improvements.

**VIII. Public Comment** ~ Sharon Hallberg asked about a working foreman in Ironwood Township. Darren stated that this garage was closed and the workers were moved to Bessemer. Sharon asked about the change of the speed limit signs along the highways that recently had increases. Darren stated that the signs will be put up when they are provided by MDOT. Matonich added that the signs and increases are not scheduled to be in effect on this end of the UP until the fall. Sharon also asked about Bob Fredrickson's driveway. Darren stated that location is part of the repairs to be done this year. Dan Siirila commented on the condition of Jackson Road stating that water stands in the driving ruts. He feels that MDOT should be responsible for fixing this road as it was used as a detour during the road construction on US2 through the City of Ironwood. He also asked about the large chipping of the road surface on the bridge near Powderhorn Road. Darren stated that MDOT has jurisdiction of the highway and that it is possible that it will be repaired under warranty from the contractor that did the overlay work last summer.

Darren added that the GCRC cannot perform the repairs unless direction from MDOT is given.

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- IX. Adjourn** ~ A motion was made by Haustein, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Peterson, with all in favor to adjourn at 7:26 pm.

**BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS**

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**Secretary**

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**Chair**