

April 12, 2011

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at the Main Office, 3000 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North, Escanaba, Michigan.

Present at the workshop were Chairman Pete Stropich, Vice Chairman Randy Bjork, Commissioner Mike Larrabee, Commissioner Rory Mattson, and Commissioner Dennis Stanek. Also in attendance was County Board Liaison Dave Rivard.

The Regular Meeting agenda items were reviewed and/or discussed.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 14, 2011 at 5:15 p.m. at the Main Office, 3000 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North, Escanaba, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 by the Chairman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Chairman Pete Stropich, Vice Chairman Randy Bjork, Commissioner Dennis Stanek, Commissioner Mike Larrabee, and Commissioner Rory Mattson.

ABSENT: None.

As there was no one requesting to be added, Chairman Stropich moved to approve the Agenda as printed.

There being no corrections or changes to be made, Chairman Stropich moved to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2011 Regular & Special Meetings as proposed.

Rob VanEffen gave a brief review of his Manager's Report which was discussed in detail during the workshop meeting. There was nothing that required Board action at this time.

Managing Director Rob VanEffen updated the board regarding the C.R. A-5 issue. He explained that the Ford River Township supervisor had called to say that one of the property owners was at their meeting and suggested that the issue might be settled if a 30 foot easement was granted instead of a 20 foot easement. Mr. VanEffen explained that would be a decision of the other property owners and wondered who would approach them to see if they would agree to it. Commissioner Larrabee questioned why this wasn't something being worked out between the two attorneys and Mr. VanEffen stated that he didn't know.

Chairman Stropich stated that Policies No. 41 & No. 29 are still being reviewed.

The following items of correspondence were accepted and placed on file: 1) CRASIF Loss Control Visit of March, 2011; 2) CBO Summary Highway Funding; 3) Star Tribune article "The Old Gravel Road"; 4) Times Herald article "Vehicle Maintenance"; 5) NMARC Scholarship Skeet Shoot.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to approve Bills Payable Voucher No. 2318 of 4/12/11 in the amount of \$463,841.72, and Payroll Voucher No. 68867 of 3/31/11 in the amount of \$56,880.46, as presented and reviewed. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Stanek - Yes

Vice Chairman Bjork- Yes

Commissioner Larrabee – Yes

Commissioner Mattson - Yes

Chairman Stropich – Yes

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It was moved by Commissioner Stanek, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to award bids for summer construction materials to the low bidders as follows:

- 31AA & 25AA Modified Chip Material – Havelka Construction
- Crack Fill Asphalt Rubber – Sherwin Industries
- HFRS-2 Emulsion – Flint Hills with Pearson Brothers for delivery & application
- H-8 Box Culvert – U.P. Concrete Pipe Co.
- Culvert Materials – low bidder to be determined when the first order is calculated

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to write a letter of support for Senate Bill 168 and House Bill 4303 and to list the following key points that we would like considered (possible amendments):

- No mitigation requirements within existing road R/W (effective date when bill passes) for wetlands under the State of Michigan's jurisdiction.
- No permits needed for road work within an existing road R/W for wetlands under the State of Michigan's jurisdiction (similar to APA status for SESC Act 451, Part 91).
- "Road Work" means the maintenance, repair, improvement, reconstruction, and/or new construction of a road.
- A no-cost site evaluation should be conducted by the MDEQ or other authorized entity prior to "Road Work" to identify any possible Federal and/or State T&E species and/or rare or special concern species (letter of Effect or No Effect issued).

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize Chairman Stropich to sign the De-Obligation and Closeout Request Form for the Forest Service to release the unused funds in the amount of \$15,697.96 that had been obligated for the C.R. 513 Squaw Creek Bridge project.

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to approve out of county travel to attend the Great Lakes Council Meeting in Baraga on May 5, 2011.

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to authorize any board member to sign the Township Dust Control Agreements.

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to enter into Closed Session, as requested by the Teamsters Union employees, at 5:28 p.m. for the purpose of discussions regarding the October 1, 2010 wage re-opener.

Roll Call Vote:

- Commissioner Stanek – Yes
- Commissioner Larrabee – Yes
- Commissioner Mattson - Yes
- Vice Chairman Bjork – Yes
- Chairman Stropich – Yes

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It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 5:57 p.m., and that no decisions have been reached during the Closed Session.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Mattson - Yes

Vice Chairman Bjork – Yes

Commissioner Stanek – Yes

Commissioner Larrabee – Yes

Chairman Stropich – Yes

Chairman Stropich asked if there was any Public Comment before moving into another Closed Session. There was none.

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to enter into Closed Session, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussions regarding union contract negotiations for the current agreement which will expire on September 30, 2011.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Stanek – Yes

Commissioner Larrabee – Yes

Commissioner Mattson - Yes

Vice Chairman Bjork – Yes

Chairman Stropich – Yes

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 8:30 p.m., and that no decisions have been reached during the Closed Session.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Larrabee – Yes

Vice Chairman Bjork – Yes

Commissioner Stanek – Yes

Commissioner Mattson - Yes

Chairman Stropich – Yes

Chairman Stropich asked if there were any Road Commissioners' comments. Commissioner Stanek asked Managing Director Rob VanEffen some questions about the Township Supervisors' Annual Meeting which will be taking place tomorrow.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, Chairman Stropich moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

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Pete Stropich, Chairman

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Amy J. Reinhardt, Deputy County Clerk

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