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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Thursday, February 24, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. at the Main Office, 3000 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North, Escanaba, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 by the Chairman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Chairman Pete Stropich, Vice Chairman Randy Bjork, Commissioner Dennis Stanek, and Commissioner Mike Larrabee. Commissioner Rory Mattson arrived late at 3:20 p.m.

ABSENT: None.

Chairman Stropich moved to approve the Agenda as printed with one addition – Item 10J under Road Commission Matters - Reschedule March Regular Meetings.

Chairman Stropich moved to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2011 Workshop & Regular Meetings as proposed with one correction – adding Commissioner Larrabee as present at the Workshop Meeting.

Managing Director Rob VanEffen discussed the following items under his Manager's Report but explained that there are a few items that he would like to hold off discussing until Commissioner Mattson arrives since he requested information about these items.

- A. Budget Update – no changes needed at this time.
- B. Winter Maintenance Expense update
- C. Final Audit Report
- D. Construction Projects update
- E. Building Updates
- F. Proposed Snowmobile Trail - to connect Escanaba & Gladstone trails.
- G. Grant Application through Senator Levin's office – for purchase of 800 mgh radios.
- H. Design Engineering for future projects – I-18 & G-24 Bridges, 416 & 513 reconstruction.
- I. C.R. 432 Phase 2 – issue with bridge deck – checking to see if our crews can replace it.
- J. Proposed change to overhead rate charged for fuel purchases from county agencies.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to change the overhead rate from 5% down to 2 ½ % for fuel purchased by other county agencies – as recommended by the Managing Director and Finance Director.

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

Managing Director Rob VanEffen explained that there is nothing new to report regarding the C.R. A-5 issue, we are still waiting to hear back from Attorney Stupak in response to the letter from our attorney.

Correspondence was reviewed and placed on file: 1) RUSH PAC information; 2) Township Association Minutes.

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It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to approve Bills Payable Voucher No. 2315 of 2/24/11 in the amount of \$25,233.10, and Payroll Voucher No. 68864 of 2/17/11 in the amount of \$57,731.59 as presented and reviewed. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Larrabee - Yes

Commissioner Stanek - Yes

Vice Chairman Bjork- Yes

Chairman Stropich – Yes

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stanek:

**Whereas**, in 2006 the Delta County Road Commission changed its Certification maps from manually drawn to Computer based drawing

**And Whereas**, The reviews of the new maps were conducted several times

**And Whereas**, while completing said reviews a set of roads in a land division located in Section 2 of Town 39 N. Range 23 W. was inadvertently missed.

**And Whereas**, The roads have been properly located on all previous maps.

**And Whereas**, The mileage for said roads was not listed on the new computer generated maps

**And Whereas**, The roads were originally added to the Delta County Road System in 1941 & 1951

**And Whereas**, These roads have been known as county local road C-22

**And Whereas**, The total length of the roads is 0.40 miles

**Now Therefore it be Resolved**, That the Delta County Board of Road Commissioners requests that County Local Road C-22 consisting of 0.40 miles be added to the Rural and Urban Road Certification Maps of Delta County.

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

#### **RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

An Agenda for the CRAM Annual Highway Conference was received and discussed.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to cast the ballot for Jim Iwanicki of Marquette County Road Commission for the CRAM Board of Directors.

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

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Managing Director Rob VanEffen informed the Board that the March Great Lakes Council Meeting has been cancelled.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to approve out of county travel for attendance of the Finance & Human Resources Seminar to be held in Bay City on May 16-19, 2011.

Managing Director Rob VanEffen discussed information received from MCRCSIP regarding Employee Fidelity & Faithful Performance coverage. He will get more information regarding this and it will be discussed further in the future.

It was decided that the Seasonal Weight Restriction Permit fees would remain the same as last year, as recommended by Managing Director Rob VanEffen.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to reschedule the March 8<sup>th</sup> & March 22<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meetings to be held instead on March 14<sup>th</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup>, due to conflicts with other meetings.

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

Managing Director Rob VanEffen explained that the Assessment Committee has met a few times to begin the process of assessing the entire operations of the Road Commission to look for ways to improve efficiency. Mr. VanEffen stated that the committee has identified at least three areas that need attention: Inventory Control, Vehicle Maintenance, and Staffing.

Commissioner Mattson arrived at 3:20 p.m.

Managing Director Rob VanEffen discussed the Assessment Committee report which was designed to demonstrate several different options to address some or all of the issues listed above. All of the options were reviewed and discussed.

Mr. VanEffen went back to the items under his Manager's Report that he was waiting to discuss when Commissioner Mattson arrived. A discussion was held on the status of the Rock Garage monitoring wells and remediation system. Commissioner Mattson would like to see all monitoring stopped but Mr. VanEffen explained that it is required as part of the Consent Judgment that was issued on October 30, 1995. Commissioner Mattson requested to see a copy of the Consent Judgment.

Commissioner Mattson discussed a situation on C.R 497 where the Sturgeon River is beginning to erode the roadbed. He explained that there is funding available that may allow some proactive measures to be taken and asked that a proposal be made to the forest service if the Road Commission agrees it is a priority. It was decided that the commissioners will drive out to look at the road prior to the April 12, 2011 Regular Meeting and will discuss the issue further after that.

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Commissioner Mattson also inquired whether the Board would be willing to help with road maintenance for two county parks. Managing Director Rob VanEffen explained that it could only be done if the Parks Board was billed 100% of the costs, unless the roadways would be certified as County Roads and receive funds through Act 51, which he had found out is possible to do. It would require a resolution of this board after a survey is done to provide a centerline description. Managing Director Rob VanEffen indicated that he would also like to see it put in writing that these roads would only be maintained and that the Road Commission would not be responsible for any future surface improvements to the road. Mr. VanEffen also informed the Board of a possible jurisdictional transfer with the City of Escanaba to take over a small portion of Jaeger road that is in the city limits.

Under Public Comment, Mr. Ray Fettig commended the Board for wanting to work together with other entities but as far as big changes he'd like to see Managing Director Rob VanEffen work with his local employees, as he thinks getting them on board will be the key, and it sounds like he has a good group of employees.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, Chairman Stropich moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

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Pete Stropich, Chairman

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Amy J. Reinhardt, Deputy County Clerk