

January 25, 2011

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at the Main Office, 3000 32nd Avenue North, Escanaba, Michigan.

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

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

Steve Rose, the newly appointed Supervisor for Cornell Township addressed the Board to introduce himself and discuss road issues.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 25, 2011 at 5:15 p.m. at the Main Office, 3000 32nd 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 Rory Mattson, and Commissioner Dennis Stanek.

ABSENT: Commissioner Mike Larrabee

Chairman Stropich welcomed newly appointed Commissioner Rory Mattson back to the Board.

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

As there were no corrections or changes to be made, Chairman Stropich moved to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2011 Workshop & Regular Meetings as proposed.

It was moved by Commissioner Bjork, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to approve the draft letter written by our attorney to be sent to Attorney Trenton Stupak in response to a letter sent on behalf of his clients regarding the C.R. A-5 Issue, with the correction of one error in the first sentence of the letter – the word trial should read trail.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

The Board reviewed a letter from MCRCSIP regarding the findings of the Loss Control Visit of December 7, 2010. Some of the board members went out into the garage before the meeting started and found some of the items that were listed in the report were in the exact same condition and hadn't been corrected. It was asked that the Superintendents be given a copy of the report and that they check that the issues are being taken care of. Commissioner Stanek commented that he feels all flammable materials should be kept in one location and preferably in an enclosed fireproof type of container. When it comes to keeping the employees safe any reasonable precautions should be taken.

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The following items of correspondence were reviewed and/or discussed: 1) CRAM Legislative Update; 2) MCRCSIP – Annual Property Appraisals; 3) Memo on Transportation Needs & Revenue Distribution; 4) Prosecuting Attorney – Theft at old Wells Garage; 5) Chamber of Commerce – Chamber Benefits; 6) Alger County Letter to Senator Casperson – MTF Funding.

The Board discussed sending a letter to Senator Casperson regarding MTF Funding as Alger County Road Commission did and the importance of keeping in touch with Mr. Casperson as he was from the area and the Chair of the Transportation Committee which now gives the U.P. a voice on that committee.

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to approve Payroll Voucher No. 68862 of 1/20/11 in the amount of \$62,721.72, and Bills Payable Voucher No. 2313 of 1/25/11 in the amount of \$104,483.54 as presented and reviewed. Roll Call Vote:

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

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to authorize Managing Director Rob VanEffen to submit, in cooperation with Alger County Road Commission, an Appropriations Request for funding for Capital Preventative Maintenance on FFH-13 and for Reconstruction on C.R. 509, and that Mr. VanEffen be authorized to sign the documents on behalf of the Road Commission.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

The Board was informed of the Graduated Winter Operations Adjustment to be received from MDOT in the amount of \$2,280.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve out of county travel for attendance of the U.P. Road Builders Association Winter Meeting in Marquette on February 10-11, 2011.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to set the Negotiating Committee for the Road Commission to include Commissioners Bjork & Stanek, Managing Director Rob VanEffen and Finance Director Amy Reinhardt.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Employee Dave Karl expressed concern with the fact that we've lost a couple more employees recently and he was wondering if there were any plans to replace them. Employee Terry Seger was in also in attendance and stated that in the last several years the number of employees has decreased by close to 50%. Chairman Stropich informed them that when Managing Director Rob VanEffen returned from vacation this issue will be discussed. Commissioner Mattson asked if we were utilizing seasonal employees and they said that we are calling them in when needed to plow but the regular employees feel it's not a safe situation.

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County Board Liaison Dave Rivard informed the Board of meetings being held, hopefully on a monthly basis, with officials from the County Board, Cities, Schools, etc. with Senator Casperson, Representative McBroom, and the Governor's U.P. Representative. Mr. Rivard stated that our officials would be welcome to attend these meetings and explained that they are held at the Michigan Works Conference Room to allow for video conferencing. He believes the next such meeting will be held on February 21st at 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, Chairman Stropich moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

Pete Stropich, Chairman

Amy J. Reinhardt, Deputy County Clerk