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A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Thursday, January 6, 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 Mike Larrabee, Commissioner Dennis Stanek, and Managing Director Rob VanEffen. Also in attendance was County Board Liaison Dave Rivard.

The Regular Meeting agenda items and the Manager's Report were reviewed and discussed.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Thursday, January 6, 2011 at 5:15 p.m. at the Main Office, 3000 32nd Avenue North, Escanaba, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 5:18 by the Chairman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT: None.

The first item on the Agenda was reorganization of the Board. Commissioner Stropich asked for nominations for Chairman. Commissioner Bjork nominated Pete Stropich. It was asked three times if there were any other nominations for Chairman. There were none. It was moved by Commissioner Bjork, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to close the nominations and name Pete Stropich as Chairman for 2011.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Chairman Stropich asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman. Chairman Stropich nominated Randy Bjork. Chairman Stropich asked three times if there were any other nominations for Vice Chairman. There were none. It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to close the nominations and name Randy Bjork as Vice Chairman for 2011.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

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 December 14, 2010 Workshop & Regular Meetings as proposed.

Under the Manager's Report the following items were discussed and/or moved on: 1) Sale of the old Wells Garage property; 2) Joint meeting with the County Board; 3) Abandonment issue on C.R. N-15; 4) Contractor Evaluation for C.R. 440 Project; 5) Board Committees.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to move forward with bids for the sale of the old Wells Garage property with a minimum bid set at an amount equal to the remaining equity on the property, and to authorize Chairman Pete Stropich & Clerk Amy Reinhardt to sign documents relating to the sale of the property.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

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It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to schedule a Special Meeting for February 24, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. which will be a joint meeting with the County Board for the purpose of discussing possible areas of intergovernmental cooperation.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Bjork, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to reaffirm the abandonment of C.R. N-15 in Garden Township and have it recorded. The Minutes show that the Board had approved the abandonment on August 14, 1984 after it was approved by the township but it was never officially recorded as abandoned at the Courthouse.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to approve out of county travel for Managing Director Rob VanEffen and Engineering Tech Van Marenger to go to Alger County Road Commission for a meeting regarding the C.R. 440 project Contractor Evaluation.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to set up an Assessment Committee to review concerns with funding issues and ways to avoid cutting services with declining revenue – and that Commissioner Bjork & Commissioner Stanek be the members of the Board to sit on the committee.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Managing Director Rob VanEffen updated the Board regarding the C.R. A-5 issue. He explained that Attorney Stupak will be reviewing the documents with his clients next week and if everything is satisfactory and in order Mr. VanEffen will proceed with the easements and continue the abandonment process.

The following items of correspondence were reviewed and/or discussed: 1) Prosecuting Attorney – theft case; 2) Love Affair 2011; 3) Thank you – C.R. B-10; 4) C2AE utility extensions; 4) Small Urban Project Selection; 5) Weighmaster Scale Certification.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee to accept all correspondence as reviewed and place on file.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to approve out of county travel to transport the scales to Marquette County, who will then be taking them downstate for certification.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to approve Payroll Vouchers No. 68860 of 12/23/10 in the amount of \$83,411.25 & No. 68861 of 1/6/11 in the amount of \$62,654.39, and Bills Payable Voucher No. 2312 of 1/6/11 in the amount of \$170,488.26 as presented and reviewed. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Larrabee – Yes

Commissioner Stanek - Yes

Vice Chairman Bjork- Yes

Chairman Stropich – Yes

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It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to approve the five year Local Task Force Projection sheet – with no changes through 2014 and the addition of a resurfacing project for 2015.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Managing Director Rob VanEffen explained that he had put out a notice to all foremen & superintendents asking them for suggestion on ways to save money or do things more efficiently. He stated that he had received feedback from everyone that had been asked and the responses will be reviewed by the new Assessment Committee.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to cast a “yes” ballot for approving the proposed amendment to the CRAM Bylaws.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to approve and sign a permit to be issued to the Rapid River Relic Riders to close off a street in Rapid River for their annual event.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Stanek, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to approve and authorize Chairman Stropich & Chief Financial Officer Rob VanEffen to sign the Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Financial Statement (Act 51 Report) for submission to MDOT. Finance Director Amy Reinhardt explained the one minor change which was recommended after the audit by the Treasury Department.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Chairman Stropich asked if there were any Public Comments. County Commissioner Dave Rivard gave an update on how the County Board will be handling the appointment of a fifth member to this board. There will be a meeting on January 18th at 4:15 to meet and interview all of the applicants.

Commissioner Larrabee gave an update on what was discussed earlier in the day at the Great Lakes Council meeting. It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to approve the participation in the Public Service Announcement program at the annual cost of \$884.00 per county.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Chairman Stropich welcomed Commissioner Dennis Stanek to the board and also welcomed the new County Board Liaison - Dave Rivard.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, Chairman Stropich moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Pete Stropich, Chairman

Amy J. Reinhardt, Deputy County Clerk

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