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A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 at 1:00 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 Rory Mattson, and Commissioner Dennis Stanek. The Commissioners and Managing Director Rob VanEffen left at 1:00 p.m. to look at the Truax Road in Cornell Township and similarly seal coated roads in Baldwin Township. They returned back to the Main Office at approximately 3:20 p.m.

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, June 28, 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 Dennis Stanek, Commissioner Rory Mattson and Commissioner Mike Larrabee.

ABSENT: None.

There being no additions, Chairman Stropich moved to approve the Agenda as printed.

As there were no corrections or additions, Chairman Stropich moved to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2011 Workshop & Regular Meetings as proposed.

Managing Director Rob VanEffen explained that the Manager's Report had been discussed in detail during the workshop but there were a few items that need board action.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to proceed with the sale of the old Wells District garage & property and to authorize Managing Director Rob VanEffen to work out the dates and other details with legal counsel.

Ayes – 5 Nays - 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to authorize Managing Director Rob VanEffen to proceed with initiating survey work for the Delta County parks roads that will eventually be taken into our county road system by Resolution of this Board once details are resolved.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to deny a request by Bark River Township to take two years to pay their share of costs for the reseal of C.R. B-7 as they do not have the total amount available in this current fiscal year. It was suggested that instead the township save the money available this year and wait till next year when they have the total amount needed to enter in agreement to have the project completed.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

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It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to purchase approximately 15,000 tons of crushed gravel from Halquist Quarry at a cost of \$4.00 per ton, contingent upon the gravel tests meeting specifications and after a cross section is taken to get an accurate measurement of the size of the pile. Managing Director Rob VanEffen explained that the company will be closing and would like to sell the product to us but that it can stay where it is until we would use it all.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Managing Director Rob VanEffen discussed with the Board, upon the request of property owners, a dispute over right of way use by neighboring property owners on C.R. 513 on Garth Point. The consensus of the Board was that it is a legal issue and there isn't anything the Road Commission can do to settle the dispute.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the purchase of a used gravel train at a cost of \$48,000, a new v-bottom trailer at a cost of \$45,000, a new dolly at a cost of \$11,000 and a new turn-table at a cost of \$3,000 from Young Industries at a total cost of \$107,000.00 – as recommended by the equipment committee and Managing Director Rob VanEffen.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to sell fuel to the Delta Conservation District with the same agreement as fuel is sold to other county agencies.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee that the Delta County Road Commission will give any non-financial support within it's means to the removal of the old Escanaba River Bridge on C.R. 517.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to confirm that the Delta County Road Commission is unwilling to move a county road at any expense or under any circumstance to allow right-of-way to a river. Commissioner Larrabee wanted it noted that before C.R. 497 was reconstructed in 2007, meetings were held with several agencies including the forest service and D.N.R. and all agencies involved were aware of the C.R. 497 Road & Bridge project and it was determined to be less environmental impact to keep the road on the existing alignment, but now four years later they seem to expect us to move our road so that the river won't be disturbed.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Policy No. 41 – Travel Policy is still being reviewed and will be discussed further at the next regular meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Stanek, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to approve the proposed changes to Policy No. 29 – Ethics Policy and to mark as revised on today's date.

Ayes – 5 Nays - 0

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The following items of correspondence were reviewed and/or discussed:

1. Teamsters Local 486
2. Genesee County Road Commission "Back to the Bricks"
3. Cornell Township – Truax Road
4. MCRCSIP – Candidates for Board of Directors
5. Robert Gifford

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to approve Bills Payable Voucher No. 2323 of 6/28/11 in the amount of \$118,410.43 and Payroll Voucher No. 68873 of 6/23/11 in the amount of \$50,862.37 as presented and reviewed. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Larrabee – Yes

Commissioner Mattson - Yes

Vice Chairman Bjork - Yes

Commissioner Stanek - Yes

Chairman Stropich - Yes

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to approve and sign a Township Project Agreements for Ford River Township Dust Control.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to approve out of county travel for Finance Director Amy Reinhardt to attend the Finance & Human Resource Committee meeting in Mount Pleasant on July 20, 2011.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve and sign the MDOT Engineering Reimbursement request in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve MDOT Traffic Detour Routes as outlined in the Letter of Understanding and to authorize Managing Director Rob VanEffen to sign the letter on behalf of the Road Commission.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Discussion ensued regarding proposed changes to the Nationwide (Deferred Compensation) Plan Document. Although it's a Road Commission approved program – employees voluntarily contribute if they so wish through a payroll deduction – it is not understood why the Road Commission would have to approve changes instead of the employees who are enrolled in the program. It was moved by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to authorize the Chairman to sign the document after contacting the employees involved once again to get their input. Under discussion of the motion it was decided not to take any action on this at this time, but to instead ask that a representative come to speak to the Board to explain what the proposed changes are and why the Board needs to approve them instead of the employees. It was moved by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to withdraw the motion on the floor.

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It was moved by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to enter into Closed Session at 6:15 p.m. as requested by Teamsters Local 486 to discuss the October 1, 2010 wage reopener for the current contract. Roll Call Vote:

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

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 7:20 p.m. and that no decisions were reached during the Closed Session.

Roll Call Vote:

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

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to enter into Closed Session for contract negotiation discussion at 7:21 p.m. Roll Call Vote:

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

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 9:13 p.m. and that no decisions were reached during the Closed Session.

Roll Call Vote:

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

It was moved by Commissioner Stanek, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to authorize Chairman Stropich to sign a letter to be sent to Teamsters Local 486 Business Agent Lauri Berg to serve as notification of desire to terminate the existing union contracts effective on their expiration date.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

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It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to instruct Managing Director Rob VanEffen and Finance Director Amy Reinhardt to compile information on wage increases over the last five years for administrative staff to compare with union wage increases and that once the information is available, along with information the employees stated they would provide in writing regarding areas where costs have been reduced, the negotiating committee will meet regarding the October 1, 2010 wage reopener - and then will be discussed with the entire Board at the next Regular Meeting on July 12, 2011.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Under Road Commissioners Comments, Commissioner Mattson asked about plowing down to Fairport, why is it only being plowed to the end of the state trunkline instead of getting it all while they are down in the area. Managing Director Rob VanEffen explained that per the Winter Maintenance agreement with MDOT, State routes are to be completed before county primary roads. The plow turns around at Fayette State Park and returns to US-2 then begins a second pass on M-183 and will continue to the end of C.R. 483.

Commissioner Larrabee stressed his opinion on the importance of becoming members of the County Road Association's RUSH-PAC.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, Chairman Stropich moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Pete Stropich, Chairman

Amy J. Reinhardt, Deputy County Clerk