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A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Monday, March 14, 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, 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 Monday, March 14, 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, and Commissioner Mike Larrabee.

ABSENT: Commissioner Rory Mattson

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 February 24, 2011 Regular & Special Meetings as proposed.

Rob VanEffen reviewed the following items under his Manager's Report:

- Construction & Building Updates – nothing new to report
- Proposed Snowmobile Trails – still in progress – working on easements
- Tree Planting for 2011
- Spring Weight Restrictions – went into effect 3/9/11 at 7:00 a.m.
- Commissioner to be named to Equipment Committee
- Design Engineering for upcoming bridge and construction projects
- County Board Resolution regarding Road Commissioners' MERS Retirement
- Update on Shared Services – moving ahead on several issues.

It was moved by Commissioner Bjork, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to authorize the purchase and planting of trees in areas that are prone to drifting – approving the same quantity as was purchased last year.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Managing Director Rob VanEffen informed the board that there is nothing new to report regarding the C.R. A-5 issue.

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Discussion was held regarding the Employee Fidelity and Faithful Performance coverage offered by MCRCSIP. It was felt that \$100,000 may not be enough coverage and Managing Director Rob VanEffen was asked to find out if that is the maximum coverage that they offer. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The Board received copies of Policy #29 – Ethics, and Policy #41 – Travel, for their review.

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to appoint Commissioner Randy Bjork to the Equipment Committee.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

The following items of correspondence were reviewed and/or discussed: 1) Prosecuting Attorney – Larceny at Wells Garage; 2) MCRCSIP – Candidates for Board of Directors; 3) Public Program on Drug Related Topics – 4/14/11.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to approve Bills Payable Voucher No. 2316 of 3/14/11 in the amount of \$136,990.07, and Payroll Voucher No. 68865 of 3/3/11 in the amount of \$54,676.62, 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 Bjork, seconded by Commissioner Stanek:

Resolution in Recognition of Dedicated Service

WHEREAS, John LaTulip, having served as a Delta County Road Commissioner for 6 years and 8 months, beginning May 10, 2004, ending December 31, 2010;

AND WHEREAS, he being a dedicated public servant committed to Road Commission issues and to the citizens of Delta County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Delta County Road Commission pay tribute to John at its regular meeting on March 14, 2011;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Delta County Road Commission and the Road Commission Staff recognize his leadership and that a copy of this resolution be made a permanent record of the Delta County Road Commission.

Ayes – 4 Nays - 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

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It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to authorize Managing Director Rob VanEffen to solicit bids for all summer construction materials such as seal coat materials, crack fill material, culverts, etc.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to authorize Managing Director Rob VanEffen to work with the County Administrator, as well as any other interested Public Agencies, regarding Shared Services Agreements.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Managing Director Rob VanEffen provided the Board with a draft agenda for the U.P. Road Builders Association Summer Meeting which will be held at the Island Resort & Casino on June 15-16, 2011.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to approve out of county travel for Managing Director Rob VanEffen and Van Marenger to attend the Midwest BIA Annual Tribal Transportation Meeting in Brookfield, Wisconsin on April 26-27, 2011.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to schedule the 2011 Annual Township Supervisor's Meeting for Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. and that in the

notice sent to the townships it states that we encourage one other board member to attend along with the Supervisors.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to enter into Closed Session at 5:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussions regarding Contract Negotiations.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Stanek – Yes

Commissioner Larrabee – Yes

Vice Chairman Bjork – Yes

Chairman Stropich – Yes

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 6:44 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

Chairman Stropich – Yes

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It was moved by Commissioner Stropich to request that Managing Director Rob VanEffen contact Kluck & Associates to inquire about the possibility of hiring them for help with contract negotiations.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to approve a \$1.00 per hour pay rate increase for Payroll/Office Clerk Pam Gustafson, retroactive to March 1, 2011, and that her pay rate be reviewed again in one year.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Under Road Commissioner's Comments, Commissioner Stanek expressed appreciation for the opportunity to attend the CRAM Highway Conference last week and felt that there was a lot of information shared that was very helpful and the networking with other counties was also very beneficial.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, Chairman Stropich moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Pete Stropich, Chairman

Amy J. Reinhardt, Deputy County Clerk