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A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, October 11, 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, Commissioner Mike Larrabee, and Commissioner Rory Mattson. Also in attendance were County Board Liaison Dave Rivard and Managing Director Rob VanEffen.

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

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, October 11, 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.

PRESENT: Chairman 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.

Chairman Stropich moved to approve the Minutes of the September 14, 2011 Special Meeting as proposed, the September 27, 2011 General Appropriations Public Hearing with one correction – it should read Vice Chairman Bjork moved to adjourn not Chairman Stropich, and the September 27, 2011 Workshop & Regular Meetings with one correction – in the motion to approve out of county travel to the NMPA Consolidating Local Government Services Seminar the date was incorrectly typed as October 11, 2011 but should read October 17, 2011.

Moving Agenda Item 10G up, it was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to enter into Closed Session at 5:18 p.m. to discuss union contract negotiations. 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 reconvene the Regular Meeting at 6:38 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

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It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to approve and authorize Managing Director Rob VanEffen to sign the Letter of Agreement between the Road Commission and Teamsters Local 486 for the settlement of the wage re-opener for the third year of the Supervisory and Non-Supervisory Collective Bargaining Agreements which terminated on September 30, 2011. The agreement includes a one time lump-sum payment in the amount of \$500.00 to be paid to each actively employed member of the two bargaining units, as well as retiree Gary Larson, and the withdrawal of the pending Unfair Labor Practice Charge.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to authorize the payment to all non-union employees a one time lump-sum payment in the amount of \$500.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Mattson – Yes

Commissioner Larrabee – No

Commissioner Stanek – Yes

Vice Chairman Bjork – Yes

Chairman Stropich – Yes

Managing Director Rob VanEffen explained that his Manager's Report was reviewed during the Workshop Meeting but there were some items needing to be addressed. He informed the Board that a Joint Committee of the Whole of the Delta County Board of Commissions is being held on October 18, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the Probate Courtroom and that Joint Services is on that Agenda and the City of Escanaba will be there and our Board should be represented as well. A posting will be made to indicate a quorum of the Board will be present at an outside meeting on that date and time.

Managing Director Rob VanEffen also informed the Board that he would be holding an all day Safety Meeting for all employees on November 10th and discussed holiday scheduling for December. It was suggested that the December 27, 2011 Regular Meeting be cancelled as has been done in the past.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to cancel the December 27, 2011 Regular Meeting and to authorize administrative staff to make payment of any bills that will come due prior to the first Regular Meeting scheduled in January.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Managing Director Rob VanEffen discussed the possibility of developing a permit procedure for organizations that wish to close county roads for events such as a 5k run/walk. These events are seeming to become popular and he feels we should work toward having a process in place for handling requests to close off roads.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve out of county travel and expenses for any or all of the following: Commissioners Bjork, Stanek, Mattson, Stropich to attend the Invasive Plants Conference in Marquette on November 10, 2011.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

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It was moved by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to approve out of county travel for the Superintendents, District Foremen and/or Van Marenger (whoever of that group who would be available) to attend the Transportation and the Environment conference in Mt. Pleasant on November 1 & 2, 2011.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to approve out of county travel for any of the Commissioners as well as Finance Director Amy Reinhardt to attend the Association of Southern Michigan Road Commissions Annual Meeting in Frankenmuth on December 5-7, 2011 and/or CRAM Committee meetings being held in conjunction with such.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Stanek, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to agree to accept payment from William Hanson in the amount of \$680.00 for gravel taken from our pile at the Carroll Pit. According to the cross section taken there is 192 tons of gravel missing and Mr. Hanson admitted to taking 80 tons to put on the pit road. The gravel is \$5.00 per ton. The amount of \$680.00 was calculated by taking half of the difference between the amount missing and the amount that was admittedly taken which was a consideration taken due to the fact that the gravel was used to improve the pit road which is also used by the Road Commission.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Managing Director Rob VanEffen provided the board with the last draft of the Letter to the Editor which will be sent to the Daily Press.

Managing Director Rob VanEffen discussed the current Workers Compensation Modification Factor which is at 1.163, explaining that's it's the highest it's been in a long time.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to eliminate Policy No. 64 – Roadside Clean-up and to mark Policy No. 53 – Roadside Clean-up Policy & Procedure as reviewed on this date with no changes. (There somehow ended up to be two policies for the same thing that were almost identical so one was eliminated.)

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Correspondence was received and placed on file regarding the closing of the MDOT Escanaba TSC and a notice of the Hiawathaland Farm Bureau Annual Meeting. Commissioner Larrabee urged other commissioners to attend the Farm Bureau meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Bjork, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to approve Bills Payable Voucher No. 2330 of 10/11/11 in the amount of \$510,000.49 and Payroll Voucher No. 68880 of 9/29/11 in the amount of \$51,710.93 as presented and reviewed. Roll Call Vote:

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

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The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to be printed on a plaque and given to the retiree:

WHEREAS, Gary Larson having served the Delta County Road Commission for 41 years and 5 months, retiring on September 27, 2011;

AND WHEREAS, Gary Larson being a dedicated public servant and has ended his career by retirement from the Delta County Road Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Delta County Road Commission pay tribute to Gary Larson at its regular meeting on October 11, 2011;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Gary Larson is herewith wished a long and happy retirement and that a copy of this resolution be made a permanent record of the Delta County Road Commission.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve expense if any is involved for Van Marenger to attend the Materials Acceptance Process Seminar which is being held here in our meeting room on November 2, 2011.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize out of county travel for any or all Commissioners, Superintendents and/or Foremen to attend the NMPA seminar on Confronting Conflict/Leading Change being held in Marquette on October 28, 2011.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to approve out of county travel for the two District Foremen to attend the Winter Operations Conference in Midland on November 10, 2011.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to approve the MDOT Winter Letter of Understanding and authorize Managing Director Rob VanEffen to sign it on behalf of the Road Commission.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

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It was moved by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to accept the offer by Michigan Chloride Sales to extend their 2011 bid price through the 2012 season.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Under Road Commissioners Comments, Commissioner Larrabee discussed what is going on at CRASIF and the progress of the attempt to consolidate CRASIF and MCRCSIP.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, Chairman Stropich moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Pete Stropich, Chairman

Amy J. Reinhardt, Deputy County Clerk