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A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, October 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, Commissioner Dennis Stanek (arrived late), and Commissioner Rory Mattson (arrived late). Also in attendance was Managing Director Rob VanEffen and County Commissioner Tom Elegeert.

Charlie Detiege, Ford River Township Supervisor was in attendance to address Ford River road concerns.

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 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.

PRESENT: Chairman Stropich, Commissioner Dennis Stanek, and Commissioner Rory Mattson

ABSENT: Vice Chairman Randy Bjork and Commissioner Mike Larrabee.

Chairman Stropich moved to approve the Agenda as printed with the following additions: Under Public Concerns Items 2A- Kevin Keveney with Teamsters Local 486 and 2B – Employee Brian Kleiman, and under Road Commission Matters Item 10B – Wells Garage.

There being no corrections or additions, Chairman Stropich moved to approve the Minutes of the October 11, 2011 Regular & Workshop Meetings.

Kevin Keveney, Business Agent for Teamsters Local 486 addressed the Board to introduce himself to them and express his frustration with the recent collective bargaining negotiations. In his opinion negotiations are not progressing well and some of the contract language changes that have been proposed, on top of the hard caps on the medical insurance which legislation has imposed, are tying the union's hands in coming to an agreement. Mr. Keveney asked that the Board consider revisiting the direction it has given its negotiating team before they meet again.

Employee Brian Kleiman also addressed the Board regarding the negotiations and expressed his concern that to the employees it feels like the Board is trying to hurt them and that all the cuts fall to the union employees and never seem to affect the management employees. Commissioner Mattson asked Mr. Keveney and Mr. Kleiman which negotiating points were causing them the most concern and was told that taking away the guarantee of an 8-hour workday or 40-hour workweek was the biggest stumbling block along with safety concerns of bringing more temporary workers on board, and of course the cap on the medical insurance.

Discussion also ensued regarding the negotiations session on September 14, 2011 where it is claimed that they were told by Attorney Kluck that they had till 3:00 or 3:30 to reach an agreement and that the board members were "waiting at home for a phone call" if something were ready to be brought to them for their consideration – to try to reach a contract agreement prior to the

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legislation's deadline regarding the medical insurance cap. They claim they were never told that a Special Meeting of the Board had been scheduled and posted the previous night to consider agreements with both the union and non-union employees if presented.

Managing Director Rob VanEffen indicated that most of his Manager's Report was covered during the Workshop other than he wanted to inform the board as well as those present about legislation that passed the House that will require road commission work to be bid out and may eliminate the road commission from being able to do work for other road commissions, cities and possibly even townships in the future. It is not known yet whether road commissions will be able to bid as well as private contractors but there is a potential that it could severely limit the work we are able to do.

Charlie Detiege, Ford River Township Supervisor, was in attendance to discuss the C.R. A-5 issue, but stated that since Mr. Valiquette did not show up, he would like to wait until he can speak with him again. Mr. Detiege also asked about the condition of C.R. A-35.

Correspondence was received from the Townships Association with minutes from the last meeting and notification of the next meeting to be held on Thursday, October 27, 2011.

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to approve Bills Payable Voucher No. 2331 of 10/25/11 in the amount of \$53,520.98 and Payroll Voucher No. 68881 of 10/13/11 in the amount of \$62,149.88 as presented and reviewed. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Mattson - Yes

Commissioner Stanek – Yes

Chairman Stropich – Yes

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve out of county travel for Commissioner Bjork and/or Commissioner Larrabee to attend the Great Lakes Council Meeting on November 3, 2011 in Baraga.

Ayes – 3 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to direct Managing Director Rob VanEffen to contact the two parties who showed interest in the Wells Garage and ask them to submit a written offer if they are still interested in purchasing it. Commissioner Stropich explained that he seconded the motion for discussion but would prefer to wait until the full board is present to make such a decision. Commissioner Mattson withdrew his motion and Commissioner Stropich seconded the withdrawal so the motion failed.

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to enter into Closed Session at 5:50 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Stanek – Yes

Commissioner Mattson – Yes

Chairman Stropich – Yes

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It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 5:55 p.m. and that no decisions were reached during the Closed Session.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Mattson – Yes

Commissioner Stanek – Yes

Chairman Stropich – Yes

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to enter into Closed Session at 5:56 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining negotiations. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Stanek – Yes

Commissioner Mattson – Yes

Chairman Stropich – Yes

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 6:24 p.m. and that no decisions were reached during the Closed Session.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Stanek – Yes

Commissioner Mattson – Yes

Chairman Stropich – Yes

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, Chairman Stropich moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Pete Stropich, Chairman

Amy J. Reinhardt, Deputy County Clerk

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