

August 14, 2012

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at the Main Office, 3000 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North, Escanaba, Michigan.

Present at the workshop were Vice Chairman Dennis Stanek, Commissioner Pete Stropich, Commissioner Rory Mattson and Commissioner Mike Larrabee. Also in attendance was Managing Director Rob VanEffen, and County Board Liaison Dave Rivard.

Several representatives from equipment bidders were present and a discussion was held regarding the truck bids that were received last week.

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, August 14, 2012 at 5:15 p.m. at the Main Office, 3000 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North, Escanaba, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by the Vice Chairman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Vice Chairman Dennis Stanek, Commissioner Pete Stropich, Commissioner Rory Mattson, and Commissioner Mike Larrabee.

ABSENT: Chairman Randy Bjork

Vice Chairman Stanek asked if there was anyone wishing to be added to the Agenda and there being none, moved to approve the Agenda as printed.

There being no changes or corrections, it was moved by Vice Chairman Stanek to approve the Minutes of the July 24, 2012 Workshop & Regular Meetings as proposed.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson ~~supported~~ seconded by Commissioner Stropich to deduct \$400,000 from the Capital Outlay line item in the Fiscal Year ending 9/30/12 Budget to be added into the Capital Outlay line item in the Fiscal Year Ending 9/30/13 Budget as the trucks recently bid will not be ready for purchase before the end of this fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote:

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

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to approve Amendment No. 3 to the Fiscal Year Ending 9/30/12 Budget as proposed.

Roll Call Vote:

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

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Managing Director Rob VanEffen briefly reviewed other items of the Manager's Report including Legislative Updates, Construction Updates, and Vehicle Maintenance.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to pay to the non-union employees the same yearly amounts as stated in the union bargaining agreement (\$700 on 4/1/12, \$1000 on 3/31/13, and \$1350 on 3/30/14) , to be paid in an annual lump sum due to the fact that the non-union employment agreements had language that indicates if a change was made to their medical insurance coverage an adjustment would be made to make things equal to what was in place when the agreements were signed.

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to approve the recommendation by the Equipment Committee to award the bids for truck purchases to Freightliner, the low bidder, for the purchase of three chassis, with two to use Allison Transmissions and the third to use an Eaton Transmission, and all three to be outfitted with the Olson body package and stainless steel dump boxes.

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

Managing Director reviewed unfinished business items regarding the Merit Network fiber cable quote and annual road certification mileage.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to amend Policy No. 44 Borrowing of Road Materials to read "It is the policy of the Delta County Board of Road Commissioners that road materials, signs, or other supplies will not be lent out or borrowed by the general public and/or any private business." and to delete the phrase "governmental agencies" .

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to allow Escanaba Township to borrow signs to close off a section of C.R. 416 by the Township Hall on August 25, 2012 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. during their celebration.

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

Managing Director Rob VanEffen explained that he had not yet made the proposed changes to Policy No. 25 Freedom of Information but will have it ready for the next meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Bjork Stropich to approve Bills Payable Voucher No. 2350 of 8/14/12 in the amount of \$564,372.53 and Payroll Voucher No. 68902 of 8/2/12 in the amount of \$53,318.49 as presented and reviewed. Roll Call Vote:

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

Managing Director Rob VanEffen provided the Board with information on the CRAM Public Relations Workshop to be held in Mt. Pleasant on September 24, 2012. Commissioner Larrabee asked who was responsible for Public Relation duties and expressed his opinion that it is important to send someone to this workshop.

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Mr. VanEffen also informed the Board about two upcoming conferences – the Winter Operations Conference sponsored by MDOT will be in Lansing October 16-17, 2012 and the Best Practices Conference will be in Lansing on August 16, 2012.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to change the date of the last Regular Meeting & Workshop in September from Tuesday, September 25, 2012 to Thursday, September 27, 2012 due to a scheduling conflict.

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

Under Public Comments, employee Brian Kleiman asked for some clarification on the transfer of Capital Outlay fund for the truck purchases and expressed his displeasure with the granting of additional money to the non-union employees since they are not required to pay anything toward the premium cost of the health care.

Also under Public Comments Tom Beauchamp addressed the Board regarding complaints with grading, seal coat, and snow removal practices in the Rock area. He express his opinion that the operators do not do the work properly and management needs to be keeping a better eye on what's going on up there.

Under Road Commissioners Comments, Commissioner Larrabee thanked Commissioner Stanek & Bjork for the letter to the editor they had published in the Daily Press.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, Vice Chairman Stanek moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

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Dennis Stanek, Vice Chairman

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Amy J. Reinhardt, Deputy County Clerk

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