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A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at the Main Office, 3000 32nd Avenue North, Escanaba, Michigan.

Present at the workshop were Chairman Randy Bjork, Vice Chairman Dennis Stanek, Commissioner Pete Stropich, Commissioner Rory Mattson and Commissioner Mike Larrabee. Also in attendance was Managing Director Rob VanEffen.

Dave Shepeck also attended to discuss a right-of-way issue along C.R. A-34.

Regular Meeting agenda items were reviewed and/or discussed.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 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 Randy Bjork, Vice Chairman Dennis Stanek, Commissioner Pete Stropich, Commissioner Mike Larrabee and Commissioner Rory Mattson

ABSENT: None.

Chairman Bjork moved to approve the Agenda as printed with one addition – Item 2A under Public Concerns – Ford River Township C.R. A-15.

There being no changes or corrections requested, it was moved by Chairman Bjork to approve the Minutes of the March 13, 2012 Workshop & Regular Meetings as proposed.

Ford River Township Supervisor Charles DeTiege, along with a resident, addressed the Board regarding the condition of C.R. A-15. Managing Director Rob VanEffen explained that we are aware the road is in bad shape but there are many roads as bad or worse all over the county. The residents would like to see a few loads of gravel added to the road as there is not much gravel left right now. Mr. VanEffen explained that because the road is so wet in spots and doesn't have a good base under it, the gravel would not last till next year unless the base was built up. Mr. DeTiege will try to meet with the Superintendent and/or Mr. VanEffen to take a look at the road and check into what options might be feasible to improve the road.

Managing Director Rob VanEffen gave updates on the following issues under the Manager's Report: Budget (update and proposed amendment for April 10th meeting), C.R 432 Project (Van Marenger is doing stationing and gravel testing, box culverts installation set to begin early May and once that is complete Payne & Dolan will begin contract work – target start date is May 14th), C.R. 517 Project (in review at MDOT), Cat. F Applications, Garden Garage sale, Wells Garage sale, All-Day Safety Meeting, Garden Village flooding issues, Assessment Committee/Restructuring, Shared Services (Building & Grounds and Vehicle Maintenance), and Used Equipment Purchases (via online auctions).

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It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to authorize Managing Director Rob VanEffen to set up the process for bidding on used equipment on a Wisconsin surplus online auction site and to use his judgment as far as purchasing equipment under the guidelines of the Purchasing Policy, and to approve out of county travel expenses for whoever he designates to travel to look at the two items that we are interested in at this time – the AMZ machine and the stainless steel sander, as well as out of county travel to pick up the equipment if the bidding would end up to be successful.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Managing Director Rob VanEffen was asked to produce a spreadsheet to show additional costs to be incurred by the non-union administrative employees who will be receiving reduced medical insurance coverage under the lesser plan that was approved by the union in the recently approved Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Commissioner Mattson stated that there is nothing new to report on the Escanaba River Bridge issue at this time.

The following items of correspondence were reviewed and/or discussed: 1) Retirement Awards and Meeting Notices for the U.P. Road Builders Association Summer Meeting; 2) MIOSHA Inspection #312055841.

Commissioner Stanek extended praise to Managing Director Rob VanEffen and the entire staff for doing such a great job taking care of the facility and following safety regulations because he knows how rare it is for MIOSHA to come in and not find any violations.

It was moved by Commissioner Bjork, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to approve Bills Payable Voucher No. 2341 of 3/27/12 in the amount of \$80,573.48 and Payroll Voucher No. 68892 of 3/15/12 in the amount of \$69,908.65 as presented and reviewed. Roll Call Vote:

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

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to accept the Managing Director's recommendations to award the bids for Seasonal Materials as follows (Detailed bid pricing and information is available in the bid files):

- Crackfill Material – Sherwin Industries
- HFRS-2 Emulsion – Flint Hills Resources
- HFRS-2 Application – Pearson Brothers
- Chips (25AA & 31AA) – Bichler Gravel & Concrete
- Pavement Marking – P.K. Contracting
- Culverts – U.P. Concrete Pipe Company
- Geotextile Fabric & Grid – U.P. Concrete Pipe Company

Ayes – 5 Nays - 0

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich:

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTING MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF MICHIGAN DEFINED BENEFIT PROGRAMS (OTHER THAN DB COMPONENT OF HYBRID PROGRAM)

The Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Delta, whose fiscal year is October 1 to September 30, desires to make available to its eligible employees (as defined below) benefits provided by the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan (MERS), as authorized by 1996 PA 220. Benefits available are those provided under the Plan Document of 1996.

IT IS RESOLVED that pursuant to the Initial Actuarial Valuation dated January 1, 2012, by MERS' actuary, MERS benefits stated in Section 1 below are to be provided for the following employee division: All new hires after April 1, 2012 in the 01 – Teamsters Division.

1. Benefit programs/formulae selected are: B-1/FAC 5/10 years vesting/retirement eligibility at 60
2. The required employee contribution is 3%.
- 3.1 Prior service credit with this municipality/court rendered previously by each covered employee in the division is subject to and shall be credited as provided under Section 2C(3) of the MERS Plan Document and Restated Initial Actuarial Valuation and Supplemental Valuation Procedure (as approved by the Retirement Board), whose respective terms are incorporated by reference.
Choose only one:
 - A. ___ All prior service from date of hire.
 - B. ___ Portion of prior service (actual service up to ___years); or ___%
 - C. ___ Prior service proportional to assets transferred.
 - D. X No prior Service (if D selected, go to Section 4).
4. The effective date of this Resolution for making deductions for the employee contributions specified above, and for the payment of necessary employer contributions to MERS, as required in the Plan Document, shall be the same date that MERS' coverage begins, which is April 1, 2012.
5. For municipalities, Plan Section 41 requires adoption by affirmative vote of a majority of the governing body; for courts, see Plan Section 41A. A complete copy of the fully executed collective bargaining agreement (if applicable), and certified copy of the complete official minutes or other official authorizing action for the open meeting at which this resolution was adopted must be forwarded to MERS with this resolution.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

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It was moved by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to approve hiring one new full-time employee, based on the recommendation from the two Superintendents, to fill the Sign Technician position which was posted but not filled, and up to ten summer temporary employees.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Larrabee:

Whereas, it is the intent of the Delta County Road Commission to support the Structure Replacement on County Road I-39 over the Rapid River, H-42 over the Rapid River, I-26 over the Tacoosh River, G-17 over the Days River, F-4 over the Days River, And

Whereas, It is the intent of the Delta County Road Commission to apply for funds through the Local Agency Bridge Program, And

Whereas, The Board of County Road Commissioners have reviewed and support the process for application of Local Bridge Funds, And

Whereas, It is the intent of the Delta County Road Commission to utilize the Michigan Department of Transportation Local Bridge Funding Program.

Now **Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Delta County Board of Road Commissioners authorizes staff to submit the application for funding and that it be forwarded to the Michigan Department of Transportation for consideration by the Local Bridge Advisory Board.

The resolution was seconded by Commissioner Mattson and carried by the following vote:

Ayes — 5 Nays — 0

Resolution Declared Adopted

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to schedule the Annual Township Supervisors Meeting for April 19th at 6:00 p.m. and to post the meeting as a quorum of the board will be in attendance.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to approve and authorize signature of a Project Agreement with State of Michigan (DNR) for grading work at the Garden Township Public Boat Launch off the end of C.R. N-5.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Under Public Comment: Employee Brian Kleiman inquired about the time table for bringing the approved new hire on board and for hiring additional new employees, as well as expressing his opinion that purchasing used equipment versus new can be a good thing. Ford River Township Supervisor Charlie DeTiege asked about Category A Grants and Managing Director Rob VanEffen said they were on his desk and he will get in touch with Mr. DeTiege to discuss them.

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Under Road Commissioners' Comments: Chairman Bjork thanked the employees and citizens that were in attendance for coming in and showing interest. Commissioner Mattson stated that he will not be present at the April 10th meeting.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, Chairman Bjork moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Randolph Bjork, Chairman

Amy J. Reinhardt, Deputy County Clerk