

May 22, 2012

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at the Main Office, 3000 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North, Escanaba, Michigan.

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

Brampton Township Supervisor Dennis Maufort met with the Board to discuss township road issues.

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, May 22, 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 by the Chairman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT: None.

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

There being no changes or corrections, it was moved by Chairman Bjork to approve the Minutes of the May 8, 2012 Workshop & Regular Meetings as proposed.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to authorize up to an additional \$200,000 to be spent out of the Fund Balance (if necessary) and to lower the cap for the Fund Balance that was previously set at \$1,800,000 to \$1,600,000 to allow for matching funds for township projects as requested by Managing Director Rob VanEffen, who explained that there has been close to \$1,000,000 in township work requested this year which could result in excess of \$500,000 to be matched by Road Commission funds and he would like to see everything matched since the townships are willing to put money into the road system and if the work is put off until other years the costs will undoubtedly be higher.

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to not support the moving of C.R. 497 along the Sturgeon River as proposed by the U.S. Forest Service. Under discussion it was noted that the Board has already made this motion in the past. Commissioner Larrabee retracted the motion, and Commissioner Mattson retracted his second of the motion.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to set a Special Meeting for June 19<sup>th</sup> at approximately 6:00 p.m. (immediately following the County Board Meeting) to be held as a joint meeting with the Board of Delta County Commissioners at the Courthouse for the purpose of discussing the proposed U.S. Forest Service C.R. 497 Project.

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

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It was moved by Commissioner Stanek, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to deny the request made by an employee to leave a firearm in his private vehicle on Road Commission Property during working hours – as recommended by MCRCSIP – the self-insurance liability carrier for the road commission. Discussion ensued with Commissioner Mattson questioning how we could tell an employee what he can have in his private vehicle when there's no law that says we can keep a private citizen from having a firearm in his/her vehicle in our parking lot. Other Commissioners disagreed saying that as employees they have to follow the work rules set up in the union contract as a condition of their employment and the insurance carrier strongly disapproves of making an exception to those work rules.

Ayes – 4      Nays – 1

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to award the bid for the sale of the Wells District Garage & Property to Basic Marine who submitted the highest bid at \$62,500.00. The other bid received was from Hannahville Indian Community for \$35,000.00.

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

The Board was given a proposed draft for revisions to Policy #51 – Hiring Committee. This policy will be reviewed further and brought up again at the next regular meeting.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to mark Policy #56 – Board Agenda – as reviewed on this date with no revisions. Discussion ensued and a couple of changes were suggested - therefore it was determined that more time for review would be necessary and Commissioner Larrabee and Commissioner Stropich withdrew their motion and second.

The following items of correspondence were reviewed and/or discussed: 1) Heritage Picnic May 23rd; 2) Draft response letter to Ensign Township; 3) CRAM Committee Assignment – Finance Director Amy Reinhardt to serve another term on the Finance & Human Resources Committee.

It was moved by Commissioner Stanek, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to approve Bills Payable Voucher No. 2345 of 5/22/12 in the amount of \$79,082.08 and Payroll Voucher No. 68896 of 5/10/12 in the amount of \$49,496.83 as presented and reviewed. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Larrabee – Yes

Commissioner Mattson - Yes

Commissioner Stropich – Yes

Vice Chairman Stanek - Yes

Chairman Bjork – Yes

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to approve and authorize any board member to sign several Township Project Agreements as recommended by Managing Director Rob VanEffen.

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

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It was moved by Commissioner Mattson to approve the U.S. Forest Service Agreement for the C.R. 448 project and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement – on the condition that the Forest Service agree to pay the additional \$50,000 that is the Road Commission's share of the cost since they seem to have so much money to spend as foolishly as moving a perfectly good road unnecessarily. There was no second for the motion therefore it died for lack of support.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to approve the U.S. Forest Service Agreement No. 12-RO-11091000-023 for the C.R. 448 project and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the Road Commission.

Ayes – 4      Nays – 1

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to authorize Managing Director Rob VanEffen to proceed with preparing bid specs and soliciting bids for Gravel Crushing, Paving, Truck Purchase, and Brush Spraying.

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to enter into agreement with Michigan Department of Treasury for audit services for Fiscal Year 2012 as recommended by Managing Director Rob VanEffen. Commissioners Bjork & Mattson questioned the 7% increase in the hourly rate of \$99 per hour compared to \$92 per hour last year. They felt that was a significant increase from one year to the next.

Ayes – 5      Nays - 0

It was moved by Commissioner Stanek, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to approve out of county travel for any board members and the Finance Director to attend the MCRCSIP Annual Meeting in Mt. Pleasant July 18-19, 2012.

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

Under Commissioners' Comments, Commissioner Larrabee explained that the reason he is trying to get all of the commissioners and management staff to join RUSH-PAC is so that when he is asked to participate in all the golf outings he can say he has done his part to support it by getting all the representatives from his county to join. More discussion was held with County Board Liaison Dave Rivard over the Board Agenda Policy and procedures.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, Chairman Bjork moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

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Randolph Bjork, Chairman

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Amy J. Reinhardt, Deputy County Clerk

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