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A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 3:00 p.m. at the Main Office, 3000 32nd 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 Commissioner Dave Rivard.

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 8, 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 Vice Chairman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT: Chairman Randy Bjork

Vice Chairman Stanek moved to approve the Agenda as printed with one addition – Item 2A under Public Concerns – Jody Norman, and Item 10H under Road Commission Matters – Friends of the Hiawatha.

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

Employee Jody Norman asked the Board if he could purchase some of the old, rusted sign posts that are unusable for Road Commission signing. If the sign posts were sold for scrap metal the Road Commission would get 40 to 45 cents per post. He would like to purchase them for \$ 1.00 each. After a discussion it was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to dispose of the unusable sign posts by allowing employees to purchase on a first come first serve basis for \$ 1.00 per post.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Employee Russ Wolf requested permission to have a pistol in his personal vehicle while at work. He has a job as a process server and serves most of his court papers after leaving work. He stated that the firearm will not be loaded, and the clips and the firearm will be concealed in different parts of his vehicle. The Road Commission Policy and the language in the Union Contract regarding this situation was discussed. Managing Director Rob VanEffen was directed to contact our Liability Insurance carrier to clarify the liability involved. The matter was tabled until the next regular meeting. Commissioner Mattson also questioned if the public being on Road Commission property would be the same liability.

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Managing Director Rob VanEffen gave updates on the following issues under the Manager's Report: Legislative update, Construction update, Building update, Work shop discussion and Shared Services.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve change the language in the Leave of Absence & Layoff Policy #3 as follows "a negotiated contract benefit" to "defined within the contract". Also to change Teamsters Local 214 to Teamsters Local 486.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

A change was discussed in the Hiring Committee Policy #51. It currently doesn't have language for the hiring of a Finance Director. The Managing Director Rob VanEffen will have a draft for this change at the next meeting.

The following items of correspondence were reviewed and/or discussed: 1) An Executed Stipulation and Order of Dismissal, which required no action; 2) A letter from Derek Feathers about County Road B-11.

The Managing Director Rob VanEffen will seek a legal opinion of Act 283 of 1909 in regards to Mr. Feathers' letter.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to approve Bills Payable Voucher No. 2344 of 5/8/12 in the amount of \$184,621.36 and Payroll Voucher No. 68895 of 4/26/12 in the amount of \$48,725.07 as presented and reviewed. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Larrabee - Yes

Commissioner Stropich – Yes

Vice Chairman Stanek - Yes

Commissioner Mattson – Yes

Two bids were received for the Offer to Purchase the Wells garage property. The Hannahville Indian Community bid was \$35,000.00 and Basic Marine, Inc. bid was \$62,500.00. It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to Table the bid for further review.

Ayes – 4 Nays - 0

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve and authorize the signature of Township Project Agreements for Ford River, Wells, Escanaba, and Bay De Noc townships.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to approve out of county travel for the 5 Commissioners, Managing Director, and the Finance Director to attend the Upper Peninsula Road Builders Association meeting June 13 and 14, 2012 at the Kewadin in Sault Ste. Marie.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

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It was moved by Commissioner Mattson, supported by Commissioner Stropich to approve out of county travel to for the Association of Southern Michigan Road Commission Annual Conference June 18-20, 2012 in Manistee.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve out of county travel for Managing Director Rob VanEffen and Clinton Marenger for the BIA Midwest Region "Partners in Action" Conference June 26-28, 2012 in Mt. Pleasant.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commission Mattson to approve out of county travel for Managing Director Rob VanEffen for the Emergency Rerouting Workshop May 17, 2012 in Gaylord

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Brian Kleiman asked if the meeting on Friday, May 11, 2012 to discuss the RFP, Fleet Maintenance Program is open to the public. He was told that it was.

Commissioner Mattson stated that the Road Commissioners have been invited to a meeting with the Forest Service and the Friends of the Hiawatha on County Road 497 on May 18, 2012. Commissioner Larrabee suggested that the meeting be posted in case a quorum of Road Commissioners should be present.

Under Road Commissioners' Comments: Commissioner Mattson said that the Road Commission crew did a great job in Pioneer Trail Park. Commissioner Mattson updated the Board on the progress to remove the Old Highway Bridge over the Escanaba River in Wells. Commissioner Mattson stated he was waiting for written confirmation from the Governor's office weather this will be a Grant process or reimbursement process. The Commissioners discussed the Managing Director Evaluation. They will be meeting with the Managing Director Rob VanEffen to go over the items in the evaluation. A discussion was held to change the time of the Board meeting on June 12, 2012 to allow members to get to the UP Road Builders Meeting in Sault Ste. Marie. It was moved by Commission Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to change the time of the work shop and regular meeting from 3:00 and 5:15 p.m to 8:00 a.m. on June 12, 2012.

Ayes – 3 Nays – 1

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, Vice Chairman Stanek moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Dennis Stanek, Vice Chairman

Martha Holtslander, Deputy County Clerk

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