

October 23, 2012

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, October 23, 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 were Managing Director Rob VanEffen, Assistant Manager Jody Norman, Construction Superintendent Van Marenger and County Board Liaison Dave Rivard.

The Administrative 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 23, 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 Mike Larrabee, and Commissioner Rory Mattson.

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.

It was moved by Vice Chairman Stanek to approve the Minutes of the October 9, 2012 Workshop & Regular Meetings as proposed.

Managing Director Rob VanEffen gave an update on the Vehicle Maintenance issue, stating it has been decided to keep the vehicle maintenance in-house and by Road Commission employees for now. A plan for reorganization was presented to the union by management on Monday morning. The plan includes a time line for changes to inventory, scheduling of work, Preventative Maintenance inspection sheets, and mechanic certifications. The employees are discussing the proposal and will meet with management again next week. Commissioner Mattson thanked Mr. VanEffen for all of the time and work he's put into this issue and also thanked staff and outside individuals that have provided input and he appreciates the way this is being handled. Commissioner Stanek echoed those sentiments and also expressed his gratitude that the inventory control issues are being worked on as those issues have been ongoing since his term on the Board began and even further back before that.

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to enter into agreement with U.P. Engineers & Architects for construction engineering on the C.R. 416 project and to authorize Managing Director Rob VanEffen to sign the contract on behalf of the Road Commission.

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

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It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to authorize Managing Director Rob VanEffen to enlist the services of Michigan Works! in taking applications for additional winter temporary (on-call) employees and also authorized him to hire one additional full time employee for District 2.

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

Managing Director Rob VanEffen explained that there is nothing new to report on the fiber optic cable proposal but he will be inviting Brandon Couvillion and possibly Jim Lundberg to attend the next workshop meeting to hopefully provide a final cost estimate so that a decision can be made. Commissioner Mattson requested that someone from Charter be invited as well to say whether they could provide the same services and give their cost to do so. Vice Chairman Stanek thought that it would be better to invite Charter to a future workshop to hear what they can offer rather than have both at the same meeting.

Managing Director Rob VanEffen provided the Board with a first rough draft revision to the Purchasing Policy and explained that changes need to be made to go along with the reorganization and he'd like to look at it in more depth during the next workshop meeting.

The following items of Correspondence were reviewed and/or discussed: 1) Response to Frank Stupak; 2) USDA/USFS Regional Meeting on 10/23/12; 3) Delta County Townships Association meeting minutes; 4) U.P. Traffic Safety Committee Meeting – being held here on 12/11/12.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to approve Bills Payable Voucher No. 2355 of 10/23/12 in the amount of \$482,298.25 and Payroll Voucher No. 68907 of 10/11/12 in the amount of \$74,071.63 as presented and reviewed. 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 out of county travel for Jody Norman and Van Marenger to attend the UST Certification Training in Gaylord on October 29-30, 2012.

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve the contract with Western U.P. Substance Abuse Agency for Employee Assistance Program services and to authorize Managing Director Rob VanEffen to sign the agreement on behalf of the Road Commission.

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve out of county travel for up to four administration staff employees and/or commissioners to attend the Great Lakes Council Meeting in Baraga on November 1, 2012.

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

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It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to award the bid for Rock Environmental Services to Golder & Associates at the three year cost of \$25,021.20 as recommended by Managing Director Rob VanEffen since they have both required certifications and are very familiar with the history of the situation. Commissioner Mattson moved to amend the motion to instruct Managing Director Rob VanEffen to inquire with the successful bidder whether we would be required to keep paying for this contracted work if we were to be successful in getting MDEQ to sign off on it? In other words, would we be required to continue paying for the duration of the agreement even if the work becomes no longer necessary?

Ayes – 4      Nays - 0

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to approve and authorize Managing Director Rob VanEffen to sign the two revised pages to the State Trunkline Maintenance Contracts which were previously approved with two changes made by us – these additional or revised pages will incorporate those changes in MDOT's approved language.

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, Vice Chairman Stanek moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

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Dennis Stanek, Vice Chairman

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Amy J. Reinhardt, Deputy County Clerk