

October 9, 2012

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, October 9, 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 were Managing Director Rob VanEffen, and County Board Liaison Dave Rivard.

The Manager's 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 9, 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 Chairman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Rory Mattson.

Chairman Bjork 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 Chairman Bjork to approve the Minutes of the September 27, 2012 Workshop & Regular Meetings and Public Hearing as proposed.

Managing Director Rob VanEffen briefly reviewed the Manager's Report which was discussed during the workshop.

Under Unfinished Business, Managing Director Rob VanEffen gave a brief update on the status of the Merit Network Fiber-optic Cable Quote and the Garth Point R.O.W. Issue. There was no board action necessary on either item.

Managing Director Rob VanEffen reviewed the CRASIF Loss Control Visit Report and indicated that the few items that were mentioned have been addressed and corrected or will be within the next few days.

The following items of Correspondence were reviewed and/or discussed: 1) C.R. 497 Letter from Randy VanPortfliet of MDOT; 2) MDOT Lane Mile Responsibilities; 3) DTE – Natural Gas as a Transportation Fuel seminar – being held in this room on October 16, 2012.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve Bills Payable Voucher No. 2354 of 10/9/12 in the amount of \$55,432.26 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

Vice Chairman Stanek – Yes

Chairman Bjork - Yes

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The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Stanek and seconded by Commissioner Larrabee:

*WHEREAS*, the Michigan Department of Transportation ("MDOT") has presented a proposed contract between MDOT and the Delta County Road Commission under which the Road Commission would perform maintenance on state trunkline highways within Delta County, and

*WHEREAS*, MDOT has affirmatively found that contracting with the Delta County Road Commission for the maintenance of State Trunk Line highways and bridges within Delta County, is in the best public interest; and

*WHEREAS*, the Delta County Road Commission concurs in MDOT's finding that it is in the best public interest to contract with the Delta County Road Commission for the maintenance of State Trunk Line highways and bridges within Delta County for the reason that the Road Commission has a proven record of efficiently providing a high level of service on State Trunkline Highways within Delta County for three (3) years; and

*WHEREAS*, the Delta County Road Commission has reviewed the terms of the contract and the recommendations of the CRAM's Negotiating Committee; and

*WHEREAS*, the members of CRAM's Negotiating Committee have recommended that Road Commissions approve the proposed contract after making changes to Paragraph 1 and Paragraph 5 of Section 16, Partnering Efforts, by striking language unilaterally added to the form Contract by MDOT following the conclusion of negotiations that took place over 12 months resulting in changes to the form contract previously used by MDOT and County Road Commissions agreed to by the Negotiating Committee;

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* that the Delta County Road Commission hereby accepts and agrees to enter into the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract presented by MDOT but only in the form that incorporates the changes as recommended by CRAM's Negotiating Committee and Randolph Bjork, Chairman and Rob VanEffen, Managing Director are authorized and instructed to sign the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract incorporating the changes as indicated in this resolution on behalf of the Delta County Road Commission.

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

#### RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

It was moved by Commissioner Stanek, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to approve out of county travel for Managing Director Rob VanEffen and Commissioner Larrabee to attend the AAA Traffic Safety Committee meeting in Marquette on October 11, 2012.

Ayes – 4      Nays - 4

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to approve out of county travel for any of the following to attend the Asset Management Fall Conference in Marquette on October 24, 2012: Managing Director Rob VanEffen, Assistant Manager Jody Norman, Construction Superintendent Van Marenger.

Ayes – 4      Nays – 4

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to approve and authorize the Chairman and Managing Director to sign agreements with the Big Bay de Noc and Tri-Township School Districts for assistance with Winter Maintenance for the 2012/2013 season.

Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

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It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to approve out of county travel for Managing Director Rob VanEffen and Construction Superintendent Van Marenger to attend the Rural Task Force Meeting at Dickinson County Road Commission on October 10, 2012.  
Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to approve out of county travel for Finance Director Amy Reinhardt and Office Clerk Pam Gustafson to attend the U.P. Finance & Human Resource Committee meeting in Ishpeming on October 16, 2012.  
Ayes – 4      Nays – 0

Before entering into Closed Session Chairman Bjork asked if there were any Public Comments or Commissioners' Comments.

Commissioner Stanek stated that he appreciates the participation of Tom & Matt Peterson in discussion regarding the vehicle maintenance issues during the workshop, and also expressed that he has been impressed with comments and contributions from the new administrative employees Jody Norman and Van Marenger and that he feels with these staff changes we are working in the right direction. Commissioner Bjork echoed those sentiments and stated that he feels we put the right people into those positions.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to enter into Closed Session at 5:42 p.m. for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Roll Call Vote:  
Commissioner Larrabee – Yes  
Vice Chairman Stanek – Yes  
Commissioner Stropich – Yes  
Chairman Bjork – Yes

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to reconvene the regular meeting at 6:27 p.m. and that no decisions were reached during the closed session.  
Roll Call Vote:  
Commissioner Stropich – Yes  
Vice Chairman Stanek – Yes  
Commissioner Larrabee – Yes  
Chairman Bjork – Yes

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, Chairman Bjork moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

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Randolph Bjork, Chairman

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Amy J. Reinhardt, Deputy County Clerk

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