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A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 11, 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 were Managing Director Rob VanEffen, and County Board Liaison Dave Rivard.

Tom Beauchamp and two other residents addressed the Board regarding concerns and complaints with road conditions on C.R. H-1 North Rock Road.

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, September 11, 2012 at 5:15 p.m. at the Main Office, 3000 32nd Avenue North, Escanaba, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 5:18 p.m. 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 called for a moment of silence in remembrance of the tragedy that took place on September 11, 2001.

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 August 28, 2012 Workshop & Regular Meetings as proposed with the following correction: the proposed minutes read "The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m. by the Vice Chairman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance." But should be corrected to read as "The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m. by the Chairman, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance."

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

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to assign Commissioners Stropich and Stanek to interview, along with Managing Director Rob VanEffen, the candidates for the Assistant Manager position. Interviews will be held tomorrow, September 12th at 1:30 p.m.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

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It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to agree that the open administrative positions be set up to be paid on an hourly basis not on a salaried basis. It was explained that the interviews would be conducted and an hourly rate tentatively agreed upon and then an employment agreement would be drafted to come before the full board for approval.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Stanek, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to approve revisions to Policy No. 51 – Hiring Policy as drafted and presented and that the policy be marked as revised as of today's date.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to accept an offer made by Frank Ott to purchase an old snow plow that is no longer able to be utilized by any of our trucks for the price of \$300.00. Managing Director Rob VanEffen explained that the weight of the plow was estimated and the salvage value would be approximately \$270.00.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Managing Director Rob VanEffen said he is still working out details regarding the quote for Fiber Optic cable installation and is in the process of developing a list of pros and cons to use to make a decision about whether to move forward with this. He is keeping this item on the Agenda because it is a pending issue and is unfinished business until a decision is reached.

Managing Director Rob VanEffen informed the Board that a MERS Retirement Specialist will be coming on September 13, 2012 to meet with any interested employees.

It was moved by Commissioner Stanek, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to approve Bills Payable Voucher No. 2352 of 9/11/12 in the amount of \$225,572.78 and Payroll Voucher No. 68904 of 8/30/12 in the amount of \$51,478.27 as presented and reviewed. Roll Call Vote:

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

It was moved by Commissioner Mattson, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to choose Option D on the MERS Resolution to set up new hires into the Administration Group to be at the B-3 Benefit Level rather than the B-4 Benefit Level that current Administrative Employees fall under. Option B does not allow for prior service credit to fall under the benefit level if it was at a different level when earned.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to authorize all board members and Managing Director Rob VanEffen to sign the cover page for the C.R. 416 project.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

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Before going into Closed Session, Chairman Bjork asked if there were any Public Comments. The employees present were informed that Tom Beauchamp was in attendance at the workshop to make complaints about the maintenance of the North Rock Road and that there doesn't seem to be any validity to his claims but that some of the board members and Managing Director Rob VanEffen will be going out to look at the road after this meeting is over.

Under Commissioners Comments, Commissioner Mattson asked Managing Director Rob VanEffen and Finance Director Amy Reinhardt to provide information regarding the cost of medical insurance benefits for the union employees and the non union employees because he promised that he would check it at the end of the year to make sure they were being treated equally.

It was moved by Commissioner Stanek, seconded by Commissioner Mattson to enter into Closed Session at 6:08 p.m. to discuss a possible purchase of real property.

Roll Call Vote:

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

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 6:35 p.m and that no decisions were reached during the Closed Session.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Larrabee – Yes
Vice Chairman Stanek – Yes
Commissioner Stropich - Yes
Commissioner Mattson - 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 6:36 p.m.

Randolph Bjork, Vice Chairman

Amy J. Reinhardt, Deputy County Clerk

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