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A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at the Main Office, 3000 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North, Escanaba, Michigan.

Present at the workshop were Chairman Pete Stropich, Vice Chairman Randy Bjork, Commissioner Mike Larrabee, Commissioner Bob Aschbacher, and Commissioner Dennis Stanek. Also in attendance were Manager Jody Norman, Finance Director Amy Reinhardt, and County Board Liaison David Rivard.

The Administrative Update 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, August 25, 2015 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 5:17 p.m. by Chairman Stropich, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT : None.

Chairman Stropich asked if there were any additions to the Agenda and moved to approve the Agenda as printed with one addition – Item 2A under Public Concerns - Tom Rymkos, Escanaba Township .

Chairman Stropich moved to approve the Minutes of the August 11, 2015 Workshop and Regular Meetings as proposed.

Tom Rymkos, of Escanaba Township, inquired about the status of the C.R. 420 Bridge Project and was informed of delays with AT&T removing the fiber-optic cable and with the inspection of the steel beams, which have held up progress on the job. It is expected to be completed and open to traffic early to mid-October. Mr. Rymkos also requested that the power line be brushed opposite of Barron's field before winter to allow snowmobile traffic to hopefully stay off the road and out of Barron's property. Manager Jody Norman explained that it was possibly going to be sprayed this year, but he would consider mowing it this year and spraying it next year instead.

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Larrabee and seconded by Commissioner Bjork:

**WHEREAS**, the County has surveyed railroad crossings within the County with respect to the safety of said crossings, and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Department of Transportation has assured the County of certain funds, conditioned upon the closing of certain railroad crossings,

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**WHEREAS**, it appears the closing of the crossing at H-38, 34<sup>th</sup> Rd, NI# 182-175-E, at the Canadian National Railroad right of way is indicated to be in the interest of the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of Delta County.,

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that H-38, Ni# 182-175-E, 34<sup>th</sup> Rd., be permanently closed to vehicular traffic at the Canadian National Railroad R/W on both sides of the intersections, the County reserving all utility easements and right of way appurtenant thereto; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this closure be contingent upon execution of a contract to obtain certain funding from the Michigan Department of Transportation which can be used for the costs of performing the closure and other transportation purposed within the Delta County jurisdiction.

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Aschbacher to approve Bills Payable Voucher No. 2427 of 8/25/15 in the amount of \$147,177.92 and Payroll Voucher No. 68981 of 8/13/15 in the amount of \$59,879.15 as presented and reviewed.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Stanek - Yes

Commissioner Aschbacher - Yes

Commissioner Larrabee – Yes

Vice Chairman Bjork -Yes

Chairman Stropich – Yes

It was moved by Commissioner Stropich, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to change the date of the Workshop and Regular Meetings scheduled for September 22, 2015 to September 29, 2015 and to schedule and advertise a Public Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2015/2016 General Appropriations Act (Budget) at 5:00 p.m. on September 29, 2015.

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Stanek, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to approve out of county travel for attendance of the NMARC/ASMRC Joint Conference and CRAM Committee Meetings in Frankenmuth on September 14-17, 2015.

Ayes – 5      Nays - 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Aschbacher to approve out of county travel for attendance of the annual Superintendents' Seminar in Sault Ste. Marie on September 30-October 2, 2015.

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to authorize Manager Jody Norman to proceed as directed to pursue the purchase of property adjacent to the District II facility in Ensign which is intended to be used as a sand source in the future.

Ayes – 5      Nays – 0

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Under Public Comments, Tom Rymkos also inquired about the D-5 Bridge, which Manager Jody Norman informed him would be paved next year.

Under Road Commissioners' Comments, Commissioner Bjork complimented Manager Jody Norman on the Equipment Committee meeting which was recently held – he felt it was run very well and had a lot of good input from the employees.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, Chairman Stropich moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m.

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Peter J. Stropich, Chairman

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Amy J. Reinhardt, Deputy County Clerk