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A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at the Main Office, 3000 32nd 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 Construction Superintendent Van Marenger, Finance Director Amy Reinhardt, and County Board Liaison David Rivard.

The Administrative Update and Regular Meeting agenda items were reviewed and/or discussed.

Harold Anderson came to the workshop meeting to ask about plans to improve C.R. 434. He was informed that some improvements may be done next summer but there are no guarantees. He was encouraged to call Manager Jody Norman to discuss the issue further.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. at the Main Office, 3000 32nd Avenue North, Escanaba, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 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 - Terry Bellgowan.

Chairman Stropich moved to approve the Minutes of the September 8, 2015 Regular Meeting & Public Hearing, and the September 22, 2015 Special Meeting as proposed – with one correction to the September 22nd Special Meeting, changing Vice Chairman Bjork to Chairman Stropich for the adjournment.

Terry and Tammy Bellgowan appeared before the Board to ask about any plans for improvements to C.R. 523/Boney Falls Road. They stated their concerns that just patching over the road in its existing condition was a waste of money – some improvements need to be done first. Construction Superintendent Van Marenger explained that it's one of the roads at the top of the list to be improved, but it won't be all at once, just a section at a time and there was no guarantee of when it will be done.

Rory Mattson addressed the Board to ask for approval of a payment request from the appropriated funds for the Escanaba River Bridge Removal Project to reimburse the Delta Conservation District for work done by them.

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It was moved by Commissioner Stanek, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to approve and authorize Delta Conservation District to submit a request for payment for 32 hours of cleaning the turbidity curtain @\$42.50/hour, 2 hours of work for additional Army Corp of Engineers requirements, 6 hours of site prep work and 2 hours of seeding work @ \$85.00/hour – for a total of \$2,210.00, as well as a final payment to the contractor in the amount of \$153,561.10 for work on the Escanaba River Bridge Removal Project to the State of Michigan for payment through the funds appropriated for said project.

Ayes – 5 Nays -0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to approve Amendment No. 3 to the Fiscal Year ending 9/30/15 Budget as presented and reviewed. A listing of the amendments will be printed following these minutes.

Ayes – 5 Nays - 0

Correspondence was reviewed and discussed – 1) MCRCSIP Site Visit of 8/25/15 which Const. Supt. Van Marenger explained was very satisfactory and is attributed to our work force keeping things clean and organized; 2) CRA PR Workshop to be held in Clare on November 6, 2015 – it was felt that someone should attend this and it will be discussed further at the next meeting; and 3) Letter from Menominee County Road Commission expressing their appreciation for work done by our employees to chip seal Maple Lane in Menominee County and thanking the employees involved for a job well done.

It was moved by Commissioner Aschbacher, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to approve Bills Payable Voucher No. 2430 of 9/29/15 in the amount of \$558,314.42 and Payroll Vouchers No. 68983 of 9/10/15 in the amount of \$54,823.38 and No. 68984 of 9/24/15 in the amount of \$51,981.86 as presented and reviewed.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Larrabee – Yes

Commissioner Aschbacher - Yes

Commissioner Stanek - Yes

Vice Chairman Bjork -Yes

Chairman Stropich – Yes

It was moved by Commissioner Bjork, seconded by Commissioner Stropich to approve and authorize Chairman Stropich and Manager Jody Norman to sign the MDOT Certification of Employee-Related conditions which certifies that we are following the transparency requirements with what is posted on our website and that we are in compliance with PA 152 related to employee benefits.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Aschbacher to approve to enter into agreement with the Michigan Department of Treasury for completion of audit services for Fiscal Year ending 9/30/15 and to authorize Manager Jody Norman to sign said agreement on behalf of the Road Commission.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

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Under Road Commissioners' Comments, Commissioner Stanek explained that there is a push by a downstate county to change the representation requirements for MCRCSIP, CRASIF, and CRA from a regionalization to a districting formula, and expressed his disagreement with that idea, explaining how he feels it would leave the Upper Peninsula and Northern Lower Peninsula poorly represented, and would force some councils into convincing someone to serve rather than having individuals seek the appointment who really wish to do the job.

Vice Chairman Bjork thanked Const. Supt. Van Marenger for a good job of fielding questions in Manager Jody Norman's absence.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, Chairman Stropich moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

Peter J. Stropich, Chairman

Amy J. Reinhardt, Deputy County Clerk