

September 8, 2015

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at the Main Office, 3000 32nd Avenue North, Escanaba, Michigan.

Present at the workshop were 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, Construction Superintendent Van Marenger, 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, September 8, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. at the Main Office, 3000 32nd Avenue North, Escanaba, Michigan.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Vice Chairman Bjork, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT : Chairman Pete Stropich

Vice Chairman Bjork 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 - Brian Kleiman.

Vice Chairman Bjork moved to approve the Minutes of the August 25, 2015 Workshop and Regular Meetings as proposed.

It was moved by Commissioner Bjork, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to approve Bills Payable Voucher No. 2428 of 9/8/15 in the amount of \$123,833.41 and Payroll Voucher No. 68982 of 8/27/15 in the amount of \$54,028.01 as presented and reviewed.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Aschbacher - Yes

Commissioner Larrabee – Yes

Commissioner Stanek - Yes

Vice Chairman Bjork -Yes

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to approve the purchase of the property adjacent to the Ensign District property from Plum Creek at a cost of \$65,000 with an earnest deposit to be made in the amount of \$3,250 after October 1st, or earlier if necessary.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Aschbacher to approve out of county travel for Manager Jody Norman, Finance Director Amy Reinhardt, Commissioner Larrabee, and Commissioner Stanek to attend the Great Lakes Council Meeting on September 10th in Baraga.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

September 8, 2015

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Aschbacher to authorize Manager Jody Norman to purchase the following equipment: 2 Glider Kits, 2 Pickups, an AMZ patching machine, and a mower.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Aschbacher to accept the recommendation of Construction Superintendent Van Marenger and Manager Jody Norman to extend the Engineering Services contract agreement with U.P. Engineers and Architects for one additional year to allow for completion of several projects that are in progress.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to schedule a Special Meeting for September 22, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. for the purpose of coming to a conclusion on how to respond to a request for the abandonment of the end of C.R. 517/P Road, and to approve Bills Payable that will come due prior to the next Regular Meeting on September 29, 2015.

Ayes – 4 Nays – 0

Under Public Comments, employee Brian Kleiman expressed appreciation to the Board on behalf of the rest of the negotiating team for the cordial and fair way that the last labor negotiations were conducted. He further expressed that he feels currently to have the best working environment he's experienced here thanks to Manager Jody Norman and Construction Superintendent Van Marenger because they keep the employees informed and actually listen to them when they make suggestions or comments. The better communication between management and the employees really means a lot to everyone. Mr. Kleiman also thanked the Board for backing the management in how they want to run things. Commissioner Stanek also expressed his appreciation to the union negotiating team for their cooperation and keeping discussions productive and respectful.

Rory Mattson addressed the Board with a quick update on the Escanaba River Bridge removal project. He explained that the final bill from the contractor has been submitted to the state for payment and the only costs remaining will be for seeding and cleaning up the site and wetlands restoration to be done next spring. Mr. Mattson asked the Board's opinion regarding providing an estimate of those future costs and requesting that amount to be held but any remaining funds in that appropriation be released to be used elsewhere. Mr. Mattson explained that he is working with Representative Casperson to try to get those funds re-appropriated for further clean up, etc. of the Escanaba River. After Mr. Mattson stated that the Army Corps of Engineers and the DEQ and EPA have all signed off on the project, and that he would be sure to estimate adequately to cover all the future costs, the Board concurred that they had no objections to how he wants to proceed.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, Vice Chairman Bjork moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Randolph Bjork, Vice Chairman

Amy J. Reinhardt, Deputy County Clerk

September 8, 2015