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A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at 3:30 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 Dennis Stanek, Commissioner Mike Larrabee, and Commissioner Bob Aschbacher. Also in attendance were Manager Jody Norman, Construction Superintendent Van Marenger, Finance Director Amy Reinhardt, and County Board Liaison David Rivard.

Rory Mattson, of the Delta Conservation District met with the Board at 3:30 to discuss issues with the Old Escanaba River Bridge Removal project, and also to discuss plans for demolition of the old Wells Garage.

The Administration 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, January 12, 2016 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

It was moved by Commissioner Stanek, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to nominate Commissioner Pete Stropich as Chairman for 2016 and Randy Bjork as Vice Chairman for 2016, and to cast a unanimous ballot for such.

Ayes – 5 Nays - 0

Chairman Stropich asked if there were any additions to the Agenda and there being none, moved to approve the Agenda as printed.

Chairman Stropich moved to approve the Minutes of the December 10, 2015 Workshop & Regular Meetings as proposed with the following two corrections - adding a "yes" after Commissioner Stanek under the roll call vote to approve payroll and accounts payable vouchers – and to correct the motion approving the proposed transfer from Primary Road Funds into Local Road Funds from "\$500,00" to \$500,000.

It was moved by Commissioner Bjork, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to support Manager Jody Norman in his proposed future plans as discussed in the Administration Update and to authorize him to pursue the course of action he has outlined, noting that the numbers used are estimates and may change; and that specific changes to proposed year-ending fund balances will be approved in future budget amendments.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

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Construction Superintendent Van Marenger explained that he has completed his research of the seasonal road system and found that there are a total of 94 miles that have been designated as “seasonal”. He has updated the road files to indicate this status for future reference.

All of the Commissioners have completed the Manager’s Evaluations and they will be reviewed and compiled by Commissioners Stanek and Larrabee before the next meeting. It was asked that everyone try to remember to do the evaluation process in October of this year so that it doesn’t run into next year again.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Aschbacher to approve Bills Payable Vouchers No. 2437 of 12/29/15 in the amount of \$113,764.59 & No. 2438 of 1/12/16 in the amount of \$307,402.95 and Payroll Vouchers No. 68990 of 12/17/15 in the amount of \$60,271.60 & No. 68991 of 12/31/15 in the amount of \$56,153.90 as presented and reviewed.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Aschbacher – Yes

Commissioner Stanek - Yes

Commissioner Larrabee – Yes

Vice Chairman Bjork –Yes

Chairman Stropich - Yes

A brief discussion was held regarding the Equipment Committee meeting and Commissioner Larrabee expressed his desire that minutes be taken and included in the board packets so that the rest of the Board can have more information about what was discussed and decided.

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Aschbacher:

***WHEREAS**, Charles Paulson having served the Delta County Road Commission for 34 years and 1 month, retiring on December 31, 2015;*

***AND WHEREAS**, Charles Paulson being a dedicated public servant and has ended his career by retirement from the Delta County Road Commission;*

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Delta County Road Commission pay tribute to Charles Paulson at its regular meeting on January 12, 2016;*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Charles Paulson is herewith wished a long and happy retirement and that a copy of this resolution be made a permanent record of the Delta County Road Commission.*

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

It was moved by Commissioner Stanek, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to authorize Manager Jody Norman to sign any documents related to the MDOT Contract for the removal of the CN Railroad Crossing on C.R. H-38 on the behalf of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

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It was moved by Commissioner Aschbacher, seconded by Commissioner Larrabee to approve and authorize signature by all members and the Manager of the cover pages for the C.R. 533 & C.R. 418 Project and the C.R. 426 & C.R. 414 Project.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to cast a “yes” vote on both proposed changes to the CRA Constitution and Bylaws.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Aschbacher to approve and authorize Manager Jody Norman to sign a MERS Health Care Savings Program Participation Agreement to add a new employee group for payroll deduction into the program.

Ayes – 5 Nays - 0

It was moved by Commissioner Stanek, seconded by Commissioner Bjork to renew membership in NACE, but to not join membership of APWA and ARTBA through CRA National Organization Membership program.

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0

Under Road Commissioners’ Comments, Commissioner Larrabee explained for the record that Rory Mattson of the Delta Conservation District was in attendance at the Workshop Meeting to discuss the issue of remaining piers left after the removal of the old Escanaba River Bridge – Mr. Mattson explained that the issue is being looked into and will be addressed by the contractor when the water levels are down again. Mr. Mattson also discussed the demolition of the old Wells Garage and explained that the plan is to try to wait to have other sites in the area demolished at the same time for cost savings, and they won’t all be ready for that for some time yet.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, Chairman Stropich moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 p.m.

Pete Stropich, Chairman

Amy J. Reinhardt, Deputy County Clerk

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