

*April 11, 2017*

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Delta County Road Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Main Office, 3000 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North, Escanaba, Michigan.

Chairman Bjork called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT : Commissioner Pete Stropich

Chairman Bjork moved to approve the Agenda as printed with one addition – a group of residents to discuss C.R. 434, which will be added to the agenda as Item 2A under Public Concerns.

Chairman Bjork moved to approve the Minutes of the March 28, 2017 Workshop & Regular Meetings as proposed.

A large group of residents was in attendance to ask when more work is planned to be done on C.R. 434. A lengthy discussion ensued.

It was moved by Commissioner Aschbacher, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to approve Bills Payable Voucher No. 2468 of 4/11/17 in the amount of \$412,496.66 and Payroll Vouchers No. 69024 of 4/6/17 in the amount of \$58,578.36 and No. 69025 of 4/20/17 in the amount of \$57,842.70 as presented and reviewed. Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Stanek - Yes

Commissioner Larrabee – Yes

Vice Chairman Aschbacher – Yes

Chairman Bjork – Yes

Manager Jody Norman updated the Board regarding the Bark River Storm Water issue.

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Aschbacher to make an extra payment of \$200,000 to MERS – as no extra payment was made in FY 2016 because it was decided to hold off till winter was over and see what our financial status would allow. The FY 2017 Budget has allotted \$400,000 for MERS unfunded Liability payments, but the other half will be sent out at the end of the fiscal year if we are still in a position to do so, otherwise the budget will be amended.

Ayes – 4    Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Aschbacher to approve out of county travel for Manager Jody Norman and Superintendent Mike Soderman to attend MCRCSIP Crash Assessment Training in Mt. Pleasant on April 26, 2017.

Ayes – 4    Nays – 0

It was moved by Commissioner Larrabee, seconded by Commissioner Stanek to approve and authorize signature of several township agreements for dust control and/or summer projects, as recommended by Manager Jody Norman.

Ayes – 4    Nays – 0

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Under Public Comments, Greg Stevenson thanked the Board for their willing interaction with the residents that came in to complain about the poor condition of C.R. 434.

Manager Jody Norman notified that Board that an advertisement is being run in the paper looking for part time office assistant applicants. He explained that the intent is to have someone in place by the end of May or shortly after.

Under Commissioners Comments, Commissioner Stanek gave his compliments to the crew for the clearing on M-35 – he said it looks great. Commissioner Aschbacher commented on how good the Commissioners Seminar was, and a brief discussion ensued after Commissioner Larrabee stated the he would like any public that speaks during the meeting to give their full name and address but other board members and the clerk of the board understood that we cannot require or force names to be given, though it wouldn't hurt to ask if they were willing to.

There being no further business to come before the board at this time, Chairman Bjork moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

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Randolph Bjork, Chairman

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Amy J. Reinhardt, Deputy County Clerk