

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
August 17, 2009 – 1:30 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Houghton County, Michigan, was held at the office in Ripley, Hancock, Michigan, on Monday, August 17, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: James P. Markham Chairman
 Kenneth A. Rowe Vice Chairman
 William H. Siler Member
 Kevin P. Harju County Engineer
 John D. Cima Assistant Engineer
 Kim R. Sohlden Secretary

GUESTS: None

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, James P. Markham, at 1:30 p.m.

Bids were opened by the vice chairman, Kenneth A. Rowe and read by Kevin P. Harju for a new patrol vehicle, and the results are as follows:

BIDDER	MODEL	AMOUNT
Copper Country Ford	2010 Ford F150	\$ 20,900.00 *
Northern Auto Inc.	2010 Dodge Ram	23,455.00 **

* Bid was incomplete

** Bid was late

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to reject the only bid received on time, for a new patrol vehicle, as it was incomplete.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to approve the payment of bills and payrolls in the amount of \$ 275,603.76, covered by vouchers #39517 thru #39610, and payroll vouchers #08/09-058 and #08/09-060.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Siler, supported by Mr. Rowe, to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2009 meeting as presented.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to approve, Kevin P. Harju, John D. Cima, Ray Saatio, Mike Keranen, Kenneth A. Rowe and any other Houghton County Road Commission commissioner, to attend the 35th annual superintendent's seminar, September 30-October 2, Kewadin Hotel & Convention Center, Sault Ste. Marie.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to authorize Kevin P. Harju to participate in the "cash for clunkers" program thru MDEAL, and purchase a pickup for approximately \$14,000.00.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Siler, supported by Mr. Rowe, to purchase 7,500 Houghton County Road maps for \$ 10,275.00, which will have the newest updates and authorize the County Highway Engineer to sign the contract.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to award the Pavement Marking for 2009, in Houghton County, to P.K. Contracting, Inc., for \$ 12,740.39, due to extension of the federal aid program pricing to the local program.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to approve of a 2009 Employee Appreciation-Safety Awareness Day, to be held at the Hancock Beach, on Saturday, 09/19/09, at 12:00 p.m., whereas budget issues and safety issues will be discussed. All employees in attendance will be granted 5 hours of vacation time to be used at a later date. Future year gatherings will be determined on the attendance of employees.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, to offer employment to Harry Orr, Keith Jenich, Ronald Berg, Daniel Axford, due to openings in the Houghton County Road Commission, and to David Moyle if another opening occurs. They will be hired on staggered dates, in the order as stated, starting 09/07/09, due to future union seniority status.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Siler, that the meeting be adjourned at 2:25 p.m., there being no further business.

Motion Carried.