

MINUTES OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

July 16, 2007 – 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, July 16, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.

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

GUESTS: Keith Koski, North Shore Road

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, William H. Siler, at 1:30 p.m.

Keith Koski appeared before the board and requested a decision on encroachments on the North Shore Road, as he has items on the snow storage area, right-of-way. He was told by Kevin Harju, to fill out the encroachment form, and each individual will be handled according to their encroachment.

Moved by Mr. Markham, supported by Mr. Rowe, to approve the payment of bills and payrolls in the amount of \$ 360,638.49, covered by vouchers #36262 thru #36563, and payroll vouchers #06/07-044 and #06/07-046.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Markham, to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2007 meeting as presented.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Markham, supported by Mr. Rowe, to approve of the participants in the A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum examining the Baltic mine rock pile that the Houghton County Road Commission owns, providing they have insurance, and Kevin P. Harju is authorized to sign the permit.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Markham, to approve the bridge inspection proposal, submitted by U.P. Engineers and Architects, Inc. for \$7,315.00 maximum, which would inspect 31 bridges in accordance with MDOT requirements.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Markham, supported by Mr. Rowe, to approve the underwater bridge inspection proposal, submitted by U.P. Engineers and Architects, Inc. for \$3,750.00 maximum, for the inspection of two bridges in Houghton County in accordance with the MDOT requirements.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Markham, to enter into a service agreement with Franklin Township, for bituminous paving, and aggregate shoulders, on the Coal Dock Road (4,100'), for \$120,000.00, all township cash, and authorize Kevin P. Harju to sign the agreement.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Markham, supported by Mr. Rowe, to enter into a service agreement with Quincy Township, for bituminous paving and aggregate shoulders, on Sampson Street (1,200'), for \$ 18,000.00, and allow them to use their allocation, thru 2009, and authorize Kevin P. Harju to sign the agreement.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Markham, to enter into a service agreement with Torch Lake Township, for bituminous paving, on Homestead Road, for approximately \$70,000.00, and authorize Kevin P. Harju to sign the agreement.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Markham, supported by Mr. Rowe, to enter into a service agreement with Osceola Township, for bituminous paving, on 6th street, Hubbell, for \$ 12,000.00, and authorize Kevin P. Harju to sign the agreement.

Motion Carried.

Requests for pavement marking in 2007, in Houghton County, was opened by the vice chairman, James B. Markham, and read by the engineer, Kevin P. Harju, as follows:

PAVEMENT MARKING 2007

<u>BIDDER</u>		<u>PROJECT #1</u>	<u>PROJECT #2</u>	<u>PROJECT #3</u>	<u>PROJECT #4</u>	<u>PROJECT #5</u>
JCS,INC.	(C)	.047	.047	.047	.047	.047
	(E)	.064	.064	.064	.064	.064
P.K. CONTR.	(C)	.050	.050	.050	.050	.050
	(E)	.065	.065	.065	.065	.065

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Markham, to award the Pavement Marking for 2007, in Houghton County, to JCS, Inc., due to being the low bidder.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, supported by Mr. Markham, to authorize Kevin P. Harju, to offer Delich Sales \$60,000.00 for the 1998 Kenworth tractor and 1997 Dynaweld trailer, that he submitted a quote for at the June 18, 2007 regular meeting, due to being the best interest for the road commission.

Motion Carried.

The board authorized Kevin P. Harju, to write a letter to the Michigan Department of Transportation, Lansing, Michigan, with copies to Mike Prusi, and Mike Lahti, stating the MDOT budget for Houghton County, has grown significantly compared to the contract the Houghton County Road Commission had with MDOT for the maintenance of state trunkline. The MDOT cost for labor and fringes, equals what MDOT paid the Houghton County Road Commission to maintain their highways. Their cost for buildings, equipment and materials are above these costs. The Houghton County Road Commission would like to sit down with MDOT and analyze the extra costs that the people of Houghton County and the State of Michigan are now paying. Due to the financial condition of the State of Michigan, the Houghton County Road Commission would like to save the residents of Michigan any additional financial burden.

Moved by Mr. Markham, supported by Mr. Rowe, to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m., there being no further business.

Motion Carried.

Chairman

Secretary