A regular meeting of the Board of the Schoolcraft County Road Commission was held at the County Road Commission Building in the City of Manistique, Michigan on May 11, 2016 at 7:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson.

Present:

Dale J. DuFour, Chairperson

Bernard J. Lund, Vice Chairperson

Thomas J. Klarich, Member Dan LaFoille, Member Bill Poniatoski, Member

Also present was Lisa Kleeman, Finance Director/Interim Manager; Christine Rantanen, Schoolcraft County Commissioner; Keith Rochefort; Terry Brooks; Nancy Helgren, UPEA; Kevin Keveney, Teamsters Local 406 Representative; Greg Rutherford; Robin LaCroix; Monte Lakosky, Shop Foreman; and Lynn Norton, Doyle Township Supervisor.

The minutes of the April 27, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

Motion to approve the open meeting minutes of April 27, 2016 was made by Commissioner Klarich, seconded by Commissioner DuFour. Motion carried.

Ayes:

All

Nayes:

None

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner Klarich and seconded by Commissioner DuFour. Motion carried.

Ayes:

All

Nayes:

None

Under public comment, Agenda items only:

 Kevin Keveney requested that Greg Rutherford's place on the agenda be moved to Closed Session at the end of the meeting.

Old Business:

- Send letter from attorney on Lakeside Road to Mr. Burns.
- Dan LaFoille commented on the rate we charge for private driveways to be sure we do not undercut the private rate and to evaluate all driveways soon to give customers the chance to make a decision to pay us the appropriate amount or find another way to have their driveway plowed. He inquired as to proper recording of driveway expenses on the timesheets and how they affect overtime. He requested this item be kept on the agenda.

A motion to approve vouchers 16-35 and 16-36, was made by Commissioner LaFoille and seconded by Commissioner Poniatoski. Motion carried.

Ayes:

All

Nayes:

None

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Interim Manager/Finance Director Report given and attached. Discussion occurred regarding culvert replacement on Michibay Road and township participation as well as Pension Bond options. A pension liability committee will be formed at a later date that includes 1 or 2 County Commissioners, 2 Road Commissioners, Manager and Finance Director.

Magnum Opus Road Rally on June 17-18, 2016 utilizing Railroad Street in Seney as well as our Seney Garage parking lot was discussed and tabled until our liability carrier can tell us if the insurance certificate we received is adequate coverage.

Pickup Bids were opened. Three bids were received with Gary Lindstrom having the highest bid on the pickups. Three pickups will be sold, 2003 Ford, 2005 Ford, and 2008 Chevrolet. The 2012 Ford will not be sold at this time.

A motion to approve a resolution authorizing Dale DuFour and Bernard Lund to sign the MDOT Contract for County Road 447, Job Number 127347A, was made by Commissioner Klarich and seconded by Commissioner Lund. Motion carried.

Ayes:

All

Nayes:

None

Nancy Helgren, U.P. Engineers & Architects, Inc. gave an update on County Road 448 bridge applications for 2019, Michibay culvert replacement, Ketvirtis Crossing and MDOT Meeting, Ross Lake Right of Way, Dam Inspection updates for Carpenter and Gulliver Lake Dams, Preconstruction meeting with MDOT on 5/24/16 for three projects and a Soil Erosion Plan and training for Foreman.

A motion to enter into closed session to review Manager applications and Letter of Agreement for Greg Rutherford was made by Commissioner DuFour and seconded by Commissioner LaFoille.

Ayes:

All

Nayes:

None

Enter into Closed Session at 8:10 a.m. End Closed Session at 9:12 a.m.

A motion to reopen public meeting was made by Commissioner LaFoille and seconded by Commissioner Klarich. Motion carried.

Aves:

All

Nayes:

None

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Public Comment:

- Keith Rochefort inquired about the Michibay culvert replacement and putting it out for bids instead of using our labor force. Nancy Helgren will put together a bid packet.
- Dan LaFoille asked if we should close Michibay Road. Nancy Helgren will recheck culvert today.
- Lynn Norton requested an update on Kelly Road and plan for completing contract.

Upon motion the board adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Dale J. DuFour, Chairperson

Lisa M. Kleeman,

Interim Manager / Finance Director

INTERIM MANAGER/FINANCE DIRECTOR REPORT

MAY 11, 2016

Manager Position - Several applications received, interviews scheduled for 5/18/16.

Seasonal Weight Restrictions - Few roads still have restrictions.

Townships – Thompson Township will be considering a road millage for the August election. Chloride letters will be mailed today.

MDOT Audit - \$50,159 due to MDOT for fiscal year 2014. This is partially due to a heavier than normal winter causing increased equipment rental at the same time one mechanic was not replaced decreasing equipment costs. Funds were previously set aside in anticipation of this payback amount.

Railroad Crossing – Meeting scheduled with MDOT on May 24, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. regarding the Ketvirtis Pit. If this crossing is approved, the permit to construct a crossing would be good for five years and at that point, we would be looking for partnerships for funding.

Pension Bond – Department of Treasury officially stated that the County cannot issue a bond for our pension obligations. Steven Mann of Miller Canfield stated because Treasury already said no, it would take legislative action to change the situation and because it is an election year it is not a good climate for a positive outcome for us.

Road Concerns - Michibay Road Culvert, Schuster Road, CR 432 Culverts

Seney Garage – Lead paint issue will be resolved as soon as the product has been applied to the floor. Estimated completion date is end of this week contingent upon weather.

Emergency Management – Current projects include working with the Coast Guard regarding a pipeline spill and Graymont for an evacuation situation.

Scheduled Meetings – UP Road Builders Association Summer Meeting, June 8-10, Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, Copper Harbor, MI

Merwin Creek Campground Culvert – Craig Reiter, Schoolcraft County Board Chairman, authorized us to replace a culvert at the entrance of the park, cost not to exceed \$2,000.00. This will be done as soon as Miss Dig has been completed.