

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 August 24, 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 LaFoilie, Member
Bill Poniatoski, Member

Also present was Bradley Stauffer, Manager; Pat Carley, Schoolcraft County Commissioner; Lisa Kleeman, Finance Director; Terri Muth, Clerk; Theresa Lund, Thompson Township Supervisor; Randy Lund; Dorothy Pletz; Robert Pletz; Susanne Urban; Joe Lakosky; Scott Lakosky; Gil Baker; Monte Lakosky, Shop Foreman; Sam Rheauc; Doug Nelson; Bill Banzhaf; Deb LaBlanc; D. Hentschell & Bill Hentschell

The minutes of the August 10, 2016 meeting were approved as presented.

Motion to approve the open meeting minutes of August 10, 2016 was made by Commissioner LaFoilie, seconded by Commissioner Poniatoski. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nayes: None

Motion to approve the closed meeting minutes of August 10, 2016 was made by Commissioner LaFoilie, seconded by Commissioner Poniatoski. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nayes: None

A motion to approve the agenda with change was made by Commissioner Poniatoski and seconded by Commissioner LaFoilie. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nayes: None

Under public comment, Agenda items only:

- Mr. Banzhaf of Country Club Drive expressed concerns of resident safety in regards to emergency services during winter. Would like an increased price for private plowing and would like definition of private road.
- Mrs. LaBlanc of George Street would like a cost analysis for the plowing of private roads.

Under old business:

MERS Liability, Commissioner LaFoilie expressed serious concern and requested immediate attention to resolve before putting retirees and current employees in jeopardy.

A motion to approve voucher 16-50 and 16-51 was made by Commissioner Klarich and seconded by Commissioner Lund. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nayes: None

Nancy Helgren gave an engineering update as follows:

1. Crack Seal bids are out and due August 30th
2. Requested permission to file for a 2018 Federal High Risk Rural Roads Program for CR436 prior to September 2, 2016
3. Michibay Culvert project is complete

A motion to discuss and approve the filing of the application for 2018 Federal High Risk Rural Roads Program for CR436 was made by Commissioner LaFoilie and seconded by Commissioner Poniatoski. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nayes: None

A motion to schedule special meeting for August 31, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss Crack Seal bids was made by Commissioner LaFoilie and seconded by Commissioner DuFour. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nayes: None

Driveway Plowing was open for discussion:

- Many citizens expressed safety concerns for SCRC's discontinuance of private driveway plowing. Cost analysis, revised liability contracts and reconsideration were requested at length.
- The Board of Commissioners assured that due diligence was given before decision. Decision was not based on cost, but on liability, condition of current equipment and safety of crew.

Mr. Scott Lakosky presented letter to the Board and requested reconsideration for private plowing.

A motion to allow Road Foreman and Manager the travel and attendance to Winter Operations Conference October 18-19, 2016, was made by Commissioner LaFoilie and seconded by Commissioner Klarich. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nayes: None

Enter into Closed Session at 8:24 a.m.
End Closed Session at 9:36 a.m.

A motion to discuss and approve the adoption to close MERS Pension Option B4, retro back to March 2013, was made by Commissioner LaFoille and seconded by Commissioner DuFour. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

A motion to remove Human Resource position from Union to Non-Union was made by Commissioner LaFoille and seconded by Commissioner Poniatoski. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

A motion to have legal move forward with Human Resource position removal from Union Contract was made by Commissioner LaFoille and seconded by Commissioner DuFour. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

Department Reports:

1. Manager:
 - Would like UPEA to do mapping of gravel at Stoney Cut Pit
 - Seney temporary snowplow driver position has been posted
 - Would like current employee to provide SCRC with wooden stakes
 - Will have Commissioner Klarich accept Safety award at NMARC/ASMCRA
 - Requested sign replacement for reflectivity on primary roads under 2018 Safety Project, with work to be performed under Force Account
 - Currently getting gravel provided from Northfork
2. Human Resources/Payroll:
 - Seney temporary snowplow driver position has been posted
 - Temporary positions and locations to be determined by October
 - Currently rehired one Temporary from 2015/2016 season
3. Roads:
 - Working on Shoulders on CR440 / CR441
 - Mowing on M77 & M94
 - More work to be received from State for M94, US2 & M28
4. Finance:
 - Will have amendment to Budget for 2017 by next meeting
 - Distributed and discussed MTF comparison to Wages & Benefits
 - Will advertise for Public Hearing for 2018 Budget for September 12, 2016
5. Equipment /Buildings:
 - John Deere is allowing demo and temporary use of Loader

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A motion to allow current employee to make wooden marking stakes was made by Commissioner LaFoille and seconded by Commissioner Lund. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

A motion to allow the application of Reflectivity Sign Replacement under 2018 Federal Local Safety Program, was made by Commissioner LaFoille and seconded by Commissioner Klarich. Motion carried.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

Public Comment:

- Scott Lakosky offered to speak with any Commissioner regarding cost analysis after public meeting.

Upon motion the board adjourned at 10:07 a.m.


Dale J. DuFour, Chairperson


Brad Stauffer, Manager