

The meeting of the Calhoun County Board of Public Works was held Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in their office located at 13300 Fifteen Mile Road, Marshall, Michigan.

Present: Commissioner Scott A. Brown, Member
Commissioner Hugh T. Coward, Member
Commissioner Chester E. Travis, Member
Commissioner Charles E. Monaweck, Member
Commissioner Eric J. Tobin, Member
Kevin Henning, Interim Managing Director/Finance Director
Pixie Coats, Board Clerk and Human Resource Director
Angela Kline, Assistant County Highway Engineer
Steve Ball, Operations Manager
Mary Jo Crumpton, Secretarial Clerk

Also Present: Tiffany Eichorst, Calhoun County Road Commission
General Public

Mrs. Pixie Coats, Board Clerk, called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Board of Public Works to order at 6:03 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Coats requested nominations for the Board Chairman.

Moved by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Travis to nominate Hugh Coward for Board Chairman. Voice vote: motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Travis to nominate Eric Tobin for Vice Chairman. Voice vote: motion carried.

At this time, Mrs. Coats turned the meeting over to the 2008 Board Chairman Hugh Coward.

Moved by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Travis to approve the November 21, 2007 regular meeting minutes of the Calhoun County Board of Public Works. Voice vote: motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Coats read the communications as follows:

- a) Received the 2008 Board of Public Works Meeting Schedule.
- b) Received a memo from Kevin Henning, Interim Managing Director/Finance Director, regarding the 2007 Audit Engagement Letter with Rehmann Robson.
- c) No other communications or resolutions were received.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Tobin to approve the 2008 Board of Public Works Meeting Schedule. Voice vote: 4-Yes; 1-No: motion carried.

Moved by Commission Brown and supported by Commissioner Tobin to approve the 2007 Audit Engagement Letter with Rehmann Robson. Voice vote: motion carried.

INTERIM MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Kevin Henning, Interim Managing Director/Finance Director provided the following report:

- Duck Lake project: We have been granted easement access, judicially, which means we have the right to move forward even though all parties are not in complete agreement. We will be meeting with Clarence Township and getting with USRDA to finalize the application process so that the project can go out for bid as soon as possible to meet the October deadline imposed by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). There has been some continued discussion regarding the EPA funding that has been secured to cover part of this project and to continue to run this system through Sheridan Township and the City of Albion. Commissioner Brown asked if we would be able to meet the October deadline imposed by the DEQ. Mr. Henning responded that he has been told that this is a fairly easy and short construction, so meeting the deadline should not be a problem. Discussion continued.
- Brownfields funding was received and deposited in December. We have successfully set up an automated payment service system with the EPA, which enables us to submit our invoices online and have the monies deposited within 48 hours of submission.

Mrs. Tiffany Eichorst informed the Board that the Solid Waste Strategic Plan would soon be going out for public comment.

Also, a memo was provided that included discussion and legal counsel opinion on whether or not the County could implement a blight or littering ordinance. Mrs. Eichorst stated that it was the opinion of County Legal Counsel that the County does not have the authority to enact a countywide littering ordinance because some local governments (townships) already had ordinances in place that the county ordinance could not supersede. However, it may be possible to pursue a littering or blight ordinance that would apply only to county roads or county owned property. Commissioner Travis noted his concerns with trash on our roadsides and asked Mrs. Eichorst to explore a littering ordinance for our roadsides.

CITIZEN'S TIME

Citizens commented on the following:

- Wayne Gay provided his personal opinion and background information on the Duck Lake sewer system project, the corresponding lawsuit of several years ago, and the financial impact. He reiterated the importance of the system being online by October of 2008. Mr. Gay inquired about how the administration would be handled in the future, since the township owns the property and has the bonding. He has requested that the township consider a sewer authority.
- Bill Taylor, Duck Lake resident, stated that he is concerned about getting a construction solicitation out for this project at the earliest possible date, to avoid a premium and a decrease in the time needed to review the drawings and specs. Discussion continued.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Calhoun County Board of Public Works is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. or following the 5:30 p.m. Road Commission Board meeting.

There being no additional business before the Board, Chairman Coward adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Hugh T. Coward, Chairman

Mary Jo Crumpton, Secretarial Clerk