

The regular meeting of the Calhoun County Board of Public Works was held Wednesday, March 21, 2007 in their office located at 13300 Fifteen Mile Road, Marshall, Michigan.

Present: Commissioner Scott A. Brown, Chairman  
Commissioner Charles E. Monaweck, Vice-Chairman  
Commissioner Chester E. Travis, Member  
Dennis Randolph, Managing Director  
Joanna Johnson, Assistant Managing Director  
Kevin Henning, Finance Director  
Pixie Coats, Human Resource Director  
Angela Kline, Assistant County Highway Engineer

Also Present: Eusebio Solis Jr., Calhoun County Commissioner  
Tom Frank, Albion Township Supervisor  
Dave Veramay, Clarence Township Resident  
Clarence Millard, Newton Township Resident  
Gardy Berezonsky, Marengo Township Resident  
Tiffany Eichorst, Calhoun County Road Commission

Commissioner Brown called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Board of Public Works to order at 10:22 a.m.

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Received a memo from Tiffany Eichorst, Solid Waste Director, to all Townships, Cities and Villages stating that the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee has allocated \$6,000 for deer carcass and roadside debris disposal costs in Calhoun County

### **MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT**

Mr. Randolph provided the Board with the following information:

Mr. Randolph stated that the major project we have been working on is getting ready for Duck Lake and the Sheridan Township sewer extension. We hope to get both projects under construction this year. Mr. Randolph mentioned that Mrs. Eichorst has been working with the EPA regarding the description of the work being proposed for the Duck Lake project, as well as the regional sewer system. He noted that once we hear back from the EPA, we would be able to move forward with the Sheridan Township project and the Duck Lake project.

Mr. Randolph said that Mrs. Eichorst has been working on the agenda for the Solid Waste

Workshop.

Mrs. Eichorst noted that the Compost Center is open and the Solid Waste Department is funding it through July. After that time, we hope to negotiate a contract between the City of Marshall and the Road Commission for next year.

Mr. Randolph said that he has been talking to Mr. Dopp at the City of Battle Creek about working together on street sweeping material disposal. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has informed the City of Battle Creek that if we complete some sorting on the street sweeping material and put it through a screener to remove the waste, then they would allow us to use it as top dirt.

Mr. Randolph stated that we had submitted a construction timetable for the Duck Lake sewer project to the DEQ. Commissioner Brown asked if Mr. Randolph was satisfied with the timetable for construction. Mr. Randolph said that he was satisfied and he made sure that he gave us plenty of time. Mr. Randolph stated we have not gotten a response back from the DEQ at this time.

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Monaweck asked Mrs. Eichorst about the deer carcass disposal and that the memo alludes to the fact that the townships will also pick up the carcasses. Mrs. Eichorst stated that another memo went out to correct that error. Mrs. Johnson said that she would be following up on this with a memo for clarification to the Solid Waste Committee.

#### **SUPERVISOR & PUBLIC OFFICIAL TIME**

Mr. Frank asked how the Road Commission pays for the disposal. Mrs. Johnson stated that this is the clarification she is going to be working on. She noted that when we dispose of the carcasses at the landfill, it appears we don't pay for the disposal or tipping fees. Mr. Frank asked when we would be holding the tire and appliance collection. Mrs. Eichorst noted that it would be held April 23<sup>rd</sup> through April 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### **CITIZEN TIME**

Mr. Veramay commented that the Board of Public Works comes under garbage disposal. Don't most cities contract out to one provider? Mr. Veramay said that he has seen 3 or 4 trucks go by his house and on different days from different providers. The garbage trucks do a lot of damage to the roads. Mrs. Eichorst said that it is up to the customer as to which service they pick; however, sometimes cities contract with one waste hauler.

Commissioner Brown stated that the good news is that new technology is coming, everyone is getting the big picture and that we need to work together. There is currently a location that has a recycling process and if it catches on, others will follow. Instead of disposing

of everything into the landfill it goes into their machines and apparently when it's done, 98% or 99% of everything that went into the process can be turned into a recyclable material. Of that, 1% or 2% left can be used to process ethanol. This technology is new but is in place in other countries and it is starting to be looked at here in the United States. Commissioner Brown said that he feels that one-day everything will be picked up by one provider and in one stop. He believes that the majority of waste will get recycled and the rest will be used to make ethanol.

Mr. Berezonsky noted that he and his neighbors usually burn off the roadside by his house. He asked Mr. Randolph if he picks up the trash and puts it in a pile, could the Road Commission come and pick it up. Mr. Randolph said for him to call Mr. Ball or Mrs. Johnson and let him know and we will take care of it.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. following the 9:00 a.m. Calhoun County Board of Road Commissioners meeting. There being no additional business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

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Scott A. Brown, Chairman

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Pixie Ann Coats, Deputy Clerk