

The meeting of the Calhoun County Board of Public Works was held on Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at 6:39 p.m. in their office located at 13300 Fifteen Mile Road, Marshall, Michigan.

Present: Commissioner Hugh T. Coward, Chairman
Commissioner Eric J. Tobin, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Scott A. Brown, Member
Commissioner Charles E. Monaweck, Member
Commissioner Chester E. Travis, Member
Kevin S. Henning, Managing Director
Pixie Coats, Human Resource Director
Angie Kline, Assistant County Highway Engineer
Tiffany Eichorst, Solid Waste Department Director
Mary Jo Crumpton, Secretarial Clerk

Also Present: General Public

Chairman Hugh Coward called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Board of Public Works to order at 6:39 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Tobin and supported by Commissioner Brown to approve the July 16, 2008 regular meeting minutes of the Calhoun County Board of Public Works. Voice vote: Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR REPORT ON PUBLIC WORKS

Mrs. Eichorst provided information on the following:

- ***Duck Lake Project:*** The bid tabulations for the Duck Lake project were provided to Commissioners. The bid opening was held on 7-22-08 at the Clarence Township Hall. The low bidder was Balkema Excavating, Inc. at \$868,845. Mrs. Eichorst noted that references have been checked and Balkema is holding firm on their bid amount, even though it is significantly less than the other bids received. A start date has not yet been determined.
- ***EPA:*** We have received "unofficial" approval from the EPA to drop phases four and five from our regional sewer system. This means that Clarence Township should be able to use the \$250,000 grant dollars for the Duck Lake project, if they choose to do so.
- ***Recycling Bid:*** Bids went out for our recycling and waste services and the bid opening is scheduled for Monday, 9-8-08 at 2:30 pm. Cereal City Recycling will not be bidding, due to concerns with capacity. Mrs. Eichorst stated that she recently toured the Northwest Refuse facility and noted that they indicated that they would be submitting a bid. Also, Waste Management is interested in bidding.
- ***Other Bids:*** Bids are being prepared for the Tire & Appliance and Electronic Collections.
- ***Brownfield Grants:*** We are in the process of setting up Brownfield meetings to increase outreach efforts. We have spent about 50% of the hazardous assessment grant with only one year left to spend the balance of funds. Mrs. Eichorst informed the Board that she and our consultant, SME, met with Tekonsha and Leroy Townships today and will be meeting with the City of Albion and the City of Springfield tomorrow. We are also setting up meetings with the villages. The Petroleum Grant Cooperative Agreement has not yet come through, and Mrs. Eichorst noted that she would be contacting the EPA.

Commissioner Tobin noted his concern with the bid from Balkema Excavating, Inc., as it is significantly lower than the other bids received. Mrs. Eichorst responded that they are holding firm on their bid. Mr. Henning noted that he attended a follow up meeting after the bid opening with DLZ, Clarence Township, and the attorney representing Clarence Township. At this meeting, DLZ rendered an opinion as to the

references and validity of the bid and they are recommending that Balkema Excavating, Inc. be awarded the bid. He reminded everyone that Clarence Township would be awarding the bid, and the bid tabulation is being shared with the Board as information. Discussion continued.

Commissioner Tobin asked if we receive money for our recyclables. Mrs. Eichorst responded that we only receive money for the newspapers in the trailer at the Marshall location. Decreasing the costs associated with providing recycling centers is one reason we are bidding out services.

Commissioner Tobin asked if we take hazardous materials. Mrs. Eichorst replied that the County Health Department holds four Household Hazardous Waste Collections each year.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

- ***Solid Waste:*** Mr. Henning further explained the Solid Waste Department and its funding source.
- ***Duck Lake Project:*** We are trying to stay in contact with Clarence Township on the Duck Lake project on a weekly basis. He believes that it is time to start a paper trail and put together an agreement for payment of monies owed by Clarence Township. Technically, we are in the middle, as Clarence Township owes the County and the County owes BPW.

It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with a formal, written request/communication/agreement regarding payment of monies owed to the Board of Public Works by Clarence Township. Mr. Henning was directed to meet with County Legal Counsel, Nancy Mullett, to draft a formal request/communication/agreement for payment. Mrs. Eichorst added that the document should include language regarding the \$250,000 EPA grant.

- ***Grant Draw Downs:*** We have begun quarterly draw downs on the Brownfield grants to ensure a more efficient turnaround time on billings.

SUPERVISORS, PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND CITIZENS TIME

- Mr. Gardy Berezonsky, Marengo Township resident, asked if there is a place in the county where contractors can drop off asphalt that is removed from a road, to be recycled, rather than being reused as fill. Mrs. Eichorst responded that by definition, asphalt is not considered solid waste. However, there are companies that will take asphalt. Mr. Berezonsky is concerned with it being used as fill on the roads because of the amount of oil and the possibility of the oil getting into wells. Mrs. Eichorst noted that it is not illegal for the asphalt to be used as fill and Mr. Henning pointed out that the asphalt being used as fill was previously placed on roads.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Calhoun County Board of Public Works is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 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 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Mary Jo Crumpton, Secretarial Clerk

Hugh T. Coward, Chairman