

The meeting of the Calhoun County Board of Public Works was held on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 7:20 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

Also Present: General Public

Chairman Hugh Coward called the regular meeting of the Calhoun County Board of Public Works to order at 7:20 p.m.

**Moved by Commissioner Travis and supported by Commissioner Tobin to approve the August 20, 2008 regular meeting minutes of the Calhoun County Board of Public Works. Voice vote: Motion carried.**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

- a) Received a memorandum from Tiffany Eichorst, Solid Waste Director, regarding the Memorandum of Understanding between Calhoun County and the Calhoun County Board of Public Works (CCBPW) for Solid Waste Services.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Moved by Commissioner Tobin and supported by Commissioner Travis to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Calhoun County and the Calhoun County Board of Public Works for Solid Waste Services. Voice vote: Motion carried.**

**SOLID WASTE DIRECTOR REPORT ON PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Henning noted that Mrs. Tiffany Eichorst, Solid Waste Director, included her report in the Board packet with information on Solid Waste, Watershed, and Duck Lake. Mr. Henning informed the Board that tonight Mrs. Eichorst is attending the regional Solid Waste Consortium meeting in Paw Paw.

**MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT**

Mr. Henning provided the following information:

- ***Watershed:*** The 2008 Global Citizens River Conservation Day is Saturday, 10-4-08. In the past, approximately 500 volunteers have gathered on the first Saturday in October to clean up waste and beautify the area around the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo Rivers and their tributaries.
- ***Duck Lake Project:*** Clarence Township was scheduled to close on their bond on 9-11-08. Balkema is looking to begin construction later this month and they are confident that they can finish the construction by the Spring discharge deadline. A preconstruction meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 9-24-08 at 10:00 a.m. Since the last BPW meeting, Mr. Henning informed the Board

that he has met with Nancy Mullett, County Legal Counsel, County Commissioner Solis, and Road Commissioner Brown regarding the amount owed by Clarence Township (\$477,000) to Calhoun County and from Calhoun County back to the Road Commission. All felt that this was a good time to address this as Clarence Township was getting ready to close on their bond and their construction estimate was approximately \$400,000 less than what they had expected to bond. Therefore, we are encouraging Clarence Township to bond for the full amount and use the EPA funds that were offered toward the project. This would provide funding in excess of their construction and repayment costs. Mrs. Mullett is drafting this communication to Clarence Township and their attorneys. Mr. Henning informed the Board that he was contacted by Paul Beardsley who has represented the BPW interests in this project, and was told that he is in possession of a conveyance of easements that was supposed to be signed in June of 2007 when Clarence Township paid off their original bond debt. Once the debt was paid off, the easements would have converted from the County to Clarence Township, since Clarence Township must own the system and its access points in order to bond for its replacement. Mr. Henning has the conveyance of easements that have not been signed and noted that it could be used to initiate an agreement as to the amount owed, as well as a repayment plan. At this time, Clarence Township does not have legal access because the easements have not been signed over. Discussion continued.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Brown commented that the meeting held with the County regarding the Duck Lake project and the amount owed by Clarence Township was pre-productive and a good time to get County legal counsel involved, trying to get this situation resolved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting of the Calhoun County Board of Public Works is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, 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 7:29 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Mary Jo Crumpton, Secretarial Clerk

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Hugh T. Coward, Chairman