

The meeting of the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners was held Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in their office located at 13300 Fifteen Mile Road, Marshall, Michigan.

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

Also Present: Ron Reid, Burnham & Flower
Steve Ball, Calhoun County Road Commission
Hershel Stacy, Calhoun County Road Commission
Robert Volkmer, Calhoun County Road Commission
Paul Adams, Calhoun County Road Commission
General Public

Chairman Chester Travis called the regular meeting of the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Travis announced that agenda items "d." and "e." under "New Business" would be removed and put on the next agenda.

Moved by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Monaweck to approve the October 17, 2007 regular meeting minutes of the Board of County Road Commissioners. Voice vote: Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Joanna Johnson, Assistant Managing Director read the communications as follows:

- a) Received a memo from Erin Cummings, Permit Agent, regarding the denial of the road name "Park Street" in the Graham Lake Terrace subdivision.
- b) Received a formal appeal letter from Jeffrey Rutter to the Calhoun County Road Commissioners, requesting a hearing to discuss the decision to change the addresses on Baseline Highway.
- c) Received a memo from Pixie Coats, Human Resource Director, regarding the refund checks from MCRCSIP and Blue Cross Blue Shield.
- d) Received minutes from the October 11, 2007 Calhoun County Trailway Alliance meeting.

- e) Received a memo from Pixie Coats, Human Resource Director, requesting review of the following revised Board policies: #51-Worker's Compensation Policy; #54-Harassment Policy; #63-Tobacco Policy; #64-Family Medical Leave Policy; #95-Violence in the Workplace Prevention Policy.
- f) Received a memo from Kevin Henning, Finance Director, regarding a one-year extension of the Financial and Compliance Audits to Rehmann Robson.
- g) Received a memo from Joanna Johnson, Assistant Managing Director, regarding the revised Motorola Radios and Antennas bid tabulation sheet.
- h) Received a memo from Linda Parker, Receptionist, regarding the bid for various sizes of cutting edge blades.
- i) No other communications or resolutions were received.

Chairman Travis asked if there had been any feedback on the denial of the road name "Park Street". Mrs. Johnson responded that we have not heard anything and explained that it is only a matter of choosing another road name that is not already part of the Calhoun County system.

With regards to the formal appeal letter regarding address changes on Baseline Highway, Mrs. Johnson explained that the letter was addressed to the Board of Road Commissioners; however, in accordance with the Calhoun County Addressing Ordinance, this appeal would go before the Calhoun County Metropolitan Planning Commission whose next meeting is scheduled for November 26th.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Commissioner Monaweck and supported by Commissioner Brown to approve the October 25, 2007 accounts payable for \$271,137.46. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Monaweck and supported by Commissioner Brown to approve the October 24, 2007 payroll for \$114,587.81. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Monaweck to approve the extension for the Financial and Compliance Audits for one year to Rehmann Robson. Voice vote: Motion carried.

PRESENTATION – GASB 45

Mr. Ron Reid of Burnham & Flower gave a presentation on GASB 45 and an obstacle we are all facing and need to address. Copies of the PowerPoint presentation were included in the informational packets handed out. He explained that GASB 43 deals with post-employment benefit plans, other than pensions, and GASB 45 explains how these post-employment benefit plans affect the employer's financial statements. These long-term financial obligations and commitments must now be reported. The presentation

included information on the other component of GASB 45, which is how to fund the benefit since current practice is to "pay as you go".

Dennis Randolph added that we are at the first step in the process to get the actuarial evaluation done. MERS is also very helpful in providing information on future costs. Discussion continued.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Randolph provided the following report:

- We are currently preparing for snow and reviewing winter equipment. Salt is on-hand and we have ordered more. Mr. Randolph noted that we like to keep enough salt in inventory for 2 storms. Snow Plow Day is scheduled for tomorrow where our drivers will be running their snowplow routes.
- Filling potholes, doing shoulder maintenance and drainage work.
- Reviewed data on managing overtime.
- Construction includes building abutments on the Custer Road Bridge, curb installation at intersections and paving on North Avenue, and paving Trappers Ridge, off of Beadle Lake Road.
- Provided information on our equipment fleet, overall condition, routine maintenance, equipment utilization, etc.
- Information on the 15 Mile Road property. Mr. Randolph noted that he has been approached regarding selling part of this excess property that we are currently using for storage only. He asked for direction from the Board on whether or not to pursue selling off some excess property. Commissioner Brown asked for an assessment to include the current use of the property, alternative area for storage, the potential impacts if excess property were to be sold, property value, etc.
- Last year, the Board approved a request to trap on the Wilder Creek site. Mr. Randolph has received the same request for this year.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Monaweck asked the status of looking into selling the excess gravel pits owned by CCRC. Mr. Randolph responded that he is putting together a table that lists all the properties, current use, etc. Commissioner Monaweck noted that if we are not going to use the property, there is no sense in keeping it.

SUPERVISOR'S & PUBLIC OFFICIAL'S TIME

Mr. Tom Frank, Albion Township Supervisor, asked if there is anything more that can be done about the illegal dumping on D Drive South between 28 and 29 Mile Road.

There is a lot of trash and furniture being dumped, despite the "No Dumping Allowed" signs that are posted. Discussion took place on issuing fines if we are able to locate the responsible parties. Mr. Frank asked if we had a sample ordinance that we could send him. Mr. Randolph stated that he would check with Tiffany Eichorst, Calhoun County Solid Waste Director.

Mr. Gene Hamaker, Marshall Township Supervisor, inquired about the status of the investigation on the trash that was being dumped on F Drive North. Mr. Randolph noted that he would check into it. Mr. Hamaker stated that Marshall Township is working on an ordinance to issue a \$500 fine for illegal dumping.

CITIZEN'S TIME

Mr. Clarence Millard, Newton Township resident, commented that he toured some roads this morning and was impressed with the condition of the gravel and paved roads.

Mr. Dave Veramay, Clarence Township resident, informed everyone that at one time, Clarence Township had a problem with illegal dumping. They passed an ordinance to issue a \$250 fine for illegal dumping. One person was fined under this ordinance and since then the dumping has stopped.

Mr. Joe Bramble, Convis Township resident, stated that Convis Township has had problems enforcing the ordinance and collecting the fine.

Mr. Gardy Berezonsky, Marengo Township resident, asked if MDOT received Act 51 funding. Mr. Randolph replied yes, they do. Mr. Berezonsky asked how MDOT could award grant dollars for things like extra law enforcement patrol at construction sites. Mr. Randolph replied that the grants might be awarded under a public safety or traffic safety grant.

Mr. Berezonsky asked if CCRC had a contract with the City of Marshall that allows the City of Marshall to dump their materials. Mr. Randolph responded that there is no agreement and the site closes after November 17, 2007. Mr. Berezonsky asked who writes the contract for the Compost Center. Mrs. Johnson responded that it is a collaborative effort between CCRC and the City of Marshall. Mr. Berezonsky noted that since CCRC owns the property, they should have control of the contract.

Mr. Richard Harvey, Bedford Township Trustee, commented that the Custer Drive Bridge project is a benefit for the entire county. It is very nice and opens up the entire area. Mr. Randolph noted that the deck would be conductive concrete and the first of its kind in the State of Michigan and the second in the United States. The first bridge deck built with conductive concrete is in Nebraska. He noted that this project is ahead of schedule.

RECESS FOR CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Commissioner Monaweck and supported by Commissioner Brown to recess for a closed session to discuss the Teamster Labor Agreement. Voice vote: Motion carried.

The next meeting of the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners will be Wednesday, November 21, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. There being no additional business before the Board, Chairman Travis adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Chester E. Travis, Chairman

Pixie Ann Coats, Deputy Clerk