

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Calhoun was held Wednesday, November 15, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in their office located at 13300 Fifteen Mile Road, Marshall, Michigan.

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

Also Present: Tom Frank, Albion Township Supervisor
John Neterer, Leroy Township Supervisor
Clarence Millard, Newton Township Resident
Gardy Berezonsky, Marengo Township Resident
Seth Koppelman, Athens Township Resident
Denny Smock, Fredonia Township Resident
Carol Swafford, Newton Township Resident
Jim Russell, Calhoun County Road Commission
Robert Volkmer, Calhoun County Road Commission
Dave Fuller, Calhoun County Road Commission
Paul Adams, Calhoun County Road Commission

Chairman Chester Travis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. There being no additions or corrections to the regular meeting minutes of November 1, 2006 they stand approved as printed and distributed.

COMMUNICATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Received memo from Kevin Henning, Finance Director regarding the proposed 2007 Budget

Received a memo from Erin Cummings, Permit Agent regarding Road Right-of-Way Maintenance by the property owner on 20 Mile Road between T Drive North and V Drive North in Lee Township

Received a memo from Annette Chapman, Parks Director requesting to name a certified public road as Powers Drive in Lee Township

Received a memo from Annette Chapman, Parks Director requesting to name a certified public road in Emmett Township to Dickinson Drive

Received MDOT Contract Number 06-5445, for the Tekonsha Truck Rest Area Prairie Restoration Project

Received a memo from Joanna Johnson, Assistant Managing Director requesting bid

approval to Chad & Dad Inc. for the 2006-2007 Winter Season for snow removal at 6 State Car Pool Lots

Received a note from Rodney Winchell concerning trapping on Calhoun County Road Commission property for the 2006-2007 Muskrat Trapping Season

Received note from Randy Loyer concerning trapping on Calhoun County Road Commission property for the 2006-2007 Muskrat Trapping Season

Received a letter from Annette Chapman, Parks Director, to Justin Crane approving the proposed road names, Countryside Lane, Lancaster Lane and South Meadow Drive, in Leroy Township

Received a letter from Annette Chapman, Parks Director, to Mr. Justin Crane approving the proposed road name, Treeline Drive, in Leroy Township

Received a note from Mary Lou Barrett, Calhoun County Board Administrative Aid, who forwarded on a letter they received from Mr. William Black Jr.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Commissioner Veramay and supported by Commissioner Monaweck to approve the November 10, 2006 accounts payable for \$596,895.20. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Monaweck and supported by Commissioner Veramay to approve the November 8, 2006 payroll for \$127,653.99. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Veramay and supported by Commissioner Monaweck to approve the Road Right-of-Way Maintenance by the property owner on 20 Mile Road between T Drive North and V Drive North in Lee Township. Mr. Randolph explained the residents did not want this area maintained by the boom mower, however he emphasized that the Road Commission still has the right to maintain the Road Right-of-Way. He noted they have completed a permit. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Veramay and supported by Commissioner Monaweck to approve the certified public road in Lee Township as Powers Drive. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Monaweck and supported by Commissioner Veramay to approve the certified public road in Emmett Township to Dickinson Drive. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Monaweck and supported by Commissioner Veramay to approve Resolution 2006-12, MDOT Contract Number 06-5254, for the Tekonsha Truck Rest Area Prairie Restoration Project. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Monaweck and supported by Commissioner Veramay to approve Chad & Dad for the 2006-2007 Winter Season for snow removal at 6 State Car Pool Lots. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Commissioner Veramay stated that he thought that Chad and Dad was out of business. Mr. Adams noted that they were only in the property management end of the business.

Commissioner Monaweck asked if these lots were always under contract. Mrs. Johnson stated that last year was the first year we were requested to contract this out by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Discussion took place regarding the trapping of Muskrats on the Calhoun County Road Commission property across from the Compost Center.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Randolph provided the Board with the following information:

Maintenance update is as follows:

- Tar & Chip
- Traffic Regulating
- Drainage and Ditching
- Infrared
- Guardrail
- Roadside clean up
- Boom Mower & Chipper

Project work update:

- Clean-up work on Pennfield Road
- Working on the Verona Road project

Mr. Randolph stated that he has been working on a number of grant applications.

Mr. Randolph discussed his meeting with the Village of Homer and the STP funds that may be used on Main Street.

Mr. Randolph noted that we were eligible for small urban project money for county roads in the urban area around Marshall and Albion.

Mr. Randolph noted that we may have four or five federal aid project for next year.

Mr. Randolph stated he hopes to continue the work on B Drive North next year and a few other places around the county.

Mr. Randolph said that we are putting a notice in the paper for the Rural Task Force meetings. The local meeting is November 29th at 1:00pm.

Mr. Randolph stated the Homer project would be our third village project. We have completed projects in Burlington, Union City, and now Homer Village.

Mr. Randolph stated we have been getting ready for winter with our sand mix and de-icing mix. We have done a lot of cleanup in the back of the garage and marking the materials with signs to help track our materials better.

Mr. Randolph noted we received a check from Blue Cross and Blue Shield for over \$100,000.

Mr. Randolph noted we paid a little more on our accounts payable because our Accounts Receivable/Payable Clerk is going to be off for the next several weeks.

Mr. Randolph commented that Mr. Henning has been bringing the other modules in our system into use. Mr. Henning has been working on this and has finally brought it to a level so that it will give us the information we need.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Monaweck asked what the final result is going to be with the hump on K Drive over the culvert. Mr. Russell noted the infrared machine is going there to square off the edges so that it is blended more and looks nice.

SUPERVISOR'S & PUBLIC OFFICIAL'S TIME

Mr. Frank said he was curious about B Drive South west of 22 Mile Road because there is a truck sitting on the side of the road and he thought they had to have a permit to do that. Mr. Randolph said that we have been chasing down other haulers and making sure that they have a permit to be there and paying for road damage.

Mr. Frank asked how we were coming on the signs for M-99 and D Drive South, at the top of the hill. Mr. Randolph said he would check on that for him.

Mr. Neterer said thank you to the Road Commission for meeting with the Drain Commission and the church at Capital and B Drive S to try to get the water problem resolved. Mr. Neterer asked if the crushed concrete that was put down on F Drive and 5 Mile Road would be a problem when they plow the road. Mr. Randolph said that he hasn't had a problem. Mr. Adams noted that he has communicated to the drivers about blade pressure in these areas as well.

CITIZEN'S TIME

Mrs. Swafford asked if she could have several maps to take back with her because

she has had several requests for them. Mr. Randolph said yes. Mrs. Swafford said she lives on B Drive S and 5 Mile Road and the trees on the northwest corner are a vision problem. Mrs. Swafford stated that the telephone box on 8 Mile Road is in the way and you can't see the cars northbound. Commissioner Monaweck noted the phone box has been there for over forty years because he was the one that put it there. Mrs. Swafford said there is a continuous washout on B Drive S and 6 ½ Mile Road by the guardrail.

Mr. Berezonsky inquired about the muskrat trapping and commented that the ponds are small and wanted to know if they were going to be fighting among themselves. Mr. Randolph said that he thought permission would be on a first come, first serve basis. Mr. Berezonsky asked what the bid was from Chad and Dad. Mr. Henning said that the bid is \$42 per lot, per snow event of 2" or more. Mr. Berezonsky also inquired if the Road Commissioners have had meetings outside of a public meeting to discuss the budget. Commissioner Travis noted they had not, they received the budget, will ask questions to staff individually as needed and comment at the public hearing scheduled.

Mrs. Coats noted that today would be Jim Russell's last Board meeting. He has been with the Road Commission for over thirty-eight years and will be retiring.

The next meeting of the Calhoun County Road Commission Board will be a Public Hearing for the 2007 Budget scheduled for Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. There being no additional business before the Board, Chairman Travis adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Chester E. Travis, Chairman

Pixie Ann Coats, Deputy Clerk