

The regular meeting of the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners was held on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in their office located at 13300 Fifteen Mile Road, Marshall, Michigan.

Present: Commissioner Scott A. Brown, Chairman
Commissioner Hugh T. Coward, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Charles E. Monaweck, Member
Commissioner Eric J. Tobin, Member
Commissioner Chester E. Travis, Member
Kevin Henning, Interim Managing Director
Pixie Coats, Board Clerk
Steve Ball, Operations Manager
Mary Jo Crumpton, Secretarial Clerk

Also Present: General Public

Chairman Scott Brown called the regular meeting of the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Commissioner Tobin and supported by Commissioner Monaweck to approve the March 5, 2008 regular meeting minutes of the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners. Voice vote: motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Mrs. Coats read the communications as follows:

- a) Received the 2007 Road Certifications

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Commissioner Monaweck and supported by Commissioner Travis to approve the March 10, 2008 accounts payable for \$616,539.19. Roll call vote: Monaweck–Yes; Tobin–Yes; Travis–Yes; Brown–Yes; Coward–Yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Tobin and supported by Commissioner Coward to approve the March 12, 2008 payroll for \$122,046.81. Roll call vote: Brown–Yes; Coward–Yes; Tobin–Yes; Travis–Yes; Monaweck–Yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Travis and supported by Commissioner Monaweck to approve the 2007 Road Certifications. Voice vote: motion carried.

INTERIM MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Henning provided the following report:

- At the last meeting, Mr. Henning reported that 85% of the month of February was spent fighting snow and other winter maintenance operations. March has been spent on pothole patching with over 2800 man-hours and 700 tons of material (some purchased, some made onsite) at a cost of over \$120,000. The crews have been doing an excellent job and the product seems to be working very well and is adhering to the road.

- The audit for calendar year 2007 begins on Monday, 3-24-08. Mr. Henning noted that in February alone of this year, we spent close to \$800,000 on winter maintenance – in 2007, we spent \$1.8 million on winter maintenance for the entire year (January-December).
- At this time, it appears that we will end 2007 with approximately \$532,000 in arrears and will be spending some of our fund balance, to balance 2007. It was a very expensive year.
- The audited financial statements should be ready for presentation to the Board at their second meeting in April or their first meeting in May.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Coward asked if the savings on the Custer Drive Bridge project would offset the 2007 arrears. Mr. Henning replied that the savings would impact our 2008 budget, as the Custer Drive Bridge project construction is slated for 2008.

Commissioner Monaweck reported that, to date, we have received 16 resumes for the Managing Director position. He has reviewed them and noted that while there is a lot of talent in the resumes, the applicants do not have the background that would be a plus to CCRC. It is his opinion that we are wasting a lot of valuable time, as Mr. Henning has done a tremendous job since he has stepped in with relationships with employees and township officials, as well as finances. He believes the process has gone far enough and would like to see the Board promote Mr. Henning to the position of Managing Director.

Commissioner Brown agreed that he is not overly impressed with the resumes received to date, with regards to experience specific to road commission operations; however, he does not believe we are wasting time, since Mr. Henning is in full control right now. If we were to cut the process short, it would deny the townships and the public their right to provide input. Commissioner Brown believes that it is a good process that has only cost approximately \$2,000 in advertising, versus the executive search process that could have cost upwards of \$30,000.

Commissioner Coward stated that he appreciates Commissioner Monaweck's comments and agrees that Mr. Henning has and would continue to do a good job as Managing Director. He asked for clarification on the timeline. Commissioner Brown responded that applications are due by 4-16-08. The applicant review committee will meet around 4-28-08 to select three candidates by a scoring method. Interviews for the three candidates would be scheduled with the Board for 5-21-08 with action taken at the 6-4-08 Board meeting.

Commissioner Travis agreed with Commissioner Monaweck's comments regarding wasting time and effort to continue the search. Mr. Henning has done a good job as Interim Managing Director. He would like to discuss moving the meeting time for Board meetings back to mornings in an effort to better serve the townships.

Commissioner Tobin commented that he is very happy with Mr. Henning's performance and believes he has done a fantastic job; however, since we have started the process, we need to finish it.

SUPERVISOR, PUBLIC OFFICIAL AND CITIZEN TIME

- Mr. Joe Bramble, Convis Township, thanked Mr. Henning and Mr. Ball for attending the Convis Township Board meeting.
- Mr. Steve Swafford, Homer Township, thanked Mr. Henning for attending the Homer Township Board meeting.

- Mr. Gardy Berezonsky, Marengo Township, stated that, in an effort to help cut costs, at last night's Marshall City Council meeting he offered to donate his time to work at the Community Compost Center. He noted that the Center is open 21 hours per week and asked if there was a contract that allowed the City of Marshall to dump at the Center outside of these hours. Mr. Henning replied that he would check the contract. Mr. Berezonsky believes that someone should be present to watch what is being dumped at the Center by the City of Marshall.
- Mr. Dick Harvey, Bedford Township, asked the completion date for the Custer Drive Bridge. Mr. Henning replied that at this time, they are aligning the beams. The decking is scheduled to begin in April. The decking and approaches should be completed by mid-May and the old bridge will be removed in June. Wetland mitigation will begin in July.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.

There being no additional business before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Scott A. Brown, Chairman

Mary Jo Crumpton, Secretarial Clerk