

The meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners of the County of Calhoun was held Wednesday, April 18, 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 A. Brown, Member
Dennis Randolph, Managing Director
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
Sharon Drumhiller, Tekonsha Township Supervisor
Art Farmer, Lee Township Supervisor
John Neterer, Leroy Township Supervisor
Eugene Hamaker, Township Supervisor
Fred Gasser, Leroy Township Resident
Dave Veramay, Clarence Township Resident
Joe Bramble, Convis Township Resident
Gardy Berezonsky, Marengo Township Resident
Steve Ball, Calhoun County Road Commission
Hershel Stacy, Calhoun County Road Commission
Robert Volkmer, Calhoun County Road Commission

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

Moved by Commissioner Monaweck and supported by Commissioner Brown to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 4, 2007. Voice vote: Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

- Received a memo from Erin Cummings, Permit Agent, to Mr. Cecil Farmer approving his proposed road name of Burlingame Drive for a new road.
- Received a memo from Angela Kline, Assistant County Highway Engineer, requesting approval for the 2006 certification of roads for Calhoun County.
- Received a letter from Sharon Drumhiller, Tekonsha Township Supervisor, to Jill Fish, 911 Dispatch Supervisor, informing 911 Dispatch to no longer call the Tekonsha Fire Department for downed trees, and should now call the Road Commission to respond.
- Received MDOT Contract No. 07-5076 for pavement marking work.

- Received the ACT 51 Report from Mr. Kevin Henning, Finance Director.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Commissioner Monaweck and supported by Commissioner Brown to approve the April 10, 2007 accounts payable for \$491,541.34. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Monaweck and supported by Commissioner Brown to approve the April 11, 2007 payroll for \$122,243.95. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Monaweck to approve the 2006 certification of roads for Calhoun County. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Monaweck and supported by Commissioner Brown to approve Resolution 2007-06 for the pavement marking work on the listed locations. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Monaweck to approve the ACT 51 Report. Voice vote: Motion carried.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Discussion took place on the Act 51 Report and the 2006 Certification of Roads in Calhoun County. Mr. Randolph noted that we have 489.23 miles of primary roads, 826.63 miles of local roads, for a total of 1,315.86 miles of county maintained roads. Mr. Randolph commented about the three different audits that we have every year.

Mr. Randolph received a call regarding a tree that was on fire. He said that we had to call employees in on overtime to cut this tree down. He stated that we would be billing the property owner for the overtime, since they are the ones responsible.

Mr. Randolph provided the Board with the following information:

- Maintenance
 - Snow Removal
 - Potholes
 - Drainage
 - Guardrail Repair – 11 Mile Road
 - Shoulder work
 - Gravel roads
 - Yard maintenance

Mr. Randolph discussed the following grants and upcoming projects.

Safety Grants

- Pennfield and McAllister
- 12 Intersections

Economical Development Program Grant

- H Drive North Extension
- Old 27, Tekonsha
- Albion project

Federal Aid Projects

- Avenue A and 20th Street Project
- North Avenue
- Homer Road / Main Street

Engineering Work

- Custer Road Bridge
- County Pavement Marking
- T Drive South, Clarendon Township
- 11 Mile Road and Verona Road Intersection

Mr. Randolph discussed the potholes and the number of call we have received compared to last year. He noted that the thank you calls we receive continue to go up.

Mr. Randolph explained the Chip & Seal Process.

Sealing Process

- Fill cracks in the road surface with asphalt emulsion
- Stone is used to protect the emulsion layer

Past Sealing Process

- Spray 20 – 22 feet of road way
- Apply stone in 2 passes, 10 to 11 feet wide
- Roll Stone

Mr. Randolph stated that the problem with this process is that the entire road needs to be closed. It also causes a lag in stone application, which results in poor stone adhesion.

2006 Sealing Process

- Spray 10 – 11 feet of roadway (one lane) at a time
- Apply stone onto that sprayed lane
- Spray another 10 – 11 feet of roadway (to the other lane)
- Apply stone to that sprayed lane
- Roll stone one lane at a time

Discussion continued on the process of sealing and changes we have made in the

process to make the road better and last longer.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Monaweck asked how we measure the roads that are in the certification book? Mr. Randolph stated that we use the maps and also our Road Soft system.

Commissioner Monaweck asked if we coordinate our pavement marking painting with our chip and seal schedule. Mr. Randolph commented that we do coordinate the two projects, but there are times we can't wait 6 weeks to mark the road, especially when it is a heavily traveled road.

Commissioner Monaweck wanted to make our drivers aware that we have some large commercial farm organizations and companies coming into the county and have destroyed the edges of some of the roads. Right now they are in Athens, Convis and Leroy Townships and he feels they should be held accountable for destroying our roads.

SUPERVISOR & PUBLIC OFFICIAL TIME

Mrs. Drumhiller discussed the letter she sent to the Board regarding the downed trees and the cost to the township fire department. She invited everyone to come to the luncheon for the MTA meeting being held here at the Road Commission.

Mr. Randolph noted that if it cost the Tekonsha Township \$6,000 last year, just think about how much it costs the Road Commission with 19 townships.

Mr. Farmer commented that the Road Commission and the Drain Commission have a joint effort going on T Drive North at Sullen Lake. He was wondering if a determination was made as to how much they are going to lower the lake and how much that road will need to be filled up. Mr. Adams stated that the Drain Commissioner is still looking into how much we will need to lower the lake and what materials will be needed to raise the road.

Mr. Frank asked what news Mr. Randolph had on the gas tax they are working on in Lansing. Mr. Randolph said that the last he heard was they would work on it after they took care their budgetary problems. Mr. Frank asked if he could get a copy of the ACT 51 report. Mr. Randolph stated that he is hoping to do a presentation on May 2nd and would like to wait until that time to give it out.

CITIZEN TIME

Mr. Hamaker said thank you for the light at the new fire station.

Mr. Berezonsky asked if anyone ever checked 29 Mile Road. Mr. Adams said that once the road is patched it would be fine. Mr. Berezonsky said he attended the summit at the County for two days and thinks that it was a waste of our taxpayer's money.

Mr. Berezonsky mentioned the article regarding obesity in our County. He wanted to know how the Road Commission employees would stack up to that. Commissioner Brown stated that he understands the concern but employees do have a right to privacy. Mrs. Coats noted that the Road Commission has a Wellness Program in place to help encourage employees to stay in shape and they also are required to have DOT physicals yearly.

Mr. Randolph noted that our Blue Cross Blue Shield rates have been good overall. This is an indication that our employees are staying pretty healthy.

Mr. Randolph noted that Ann Armstrong, Bedford Township Supervisor, passed away this week. He commented that she has always been a supporter of the Road Commission and has always helped to bring money in for road improvements. She will be missed.

Mr. Randolph stated that Mr. Ball had been working with Burlington Township and last week they formed a road committee. He noted that it was a good step forward.

The next meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners of the County of Calhoun will be Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. There being no additional business before the Board, Chairman Travis adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Chester E. Travis, Chairman

Pixie Ann Coats, Deputy Clerk