

The meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners of the County of Calhoun was held Wednesday, May 2, 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: Frank Manke, Clarendon Township Supervisor
John Neterer, Leroy Township Supervisor
Richard Harvey, Bedford Township Trustee
Dave Veramay, Clarence Township Resident
Joe Bramble, Convis Township Resident
Gardy Berezonsky, Marengo Township Resident
Walt Gamble, Site Manager, Silver Leaf Renaissance Festival
Steve Conrad, General Manager, Silver Leaf Renaissance Festival
Steve Ball, Calhoun County Road Commission
Hershel Stacy, Calhoun County Road Commission
Robert Volkmer, Calhoun County Road Commission
Paul Adams, Calhoun County Road Commission

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

Moved by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Monaweck to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 18, 2007. Voice vote: Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

- Received a notification of approval for the Onagon Drain Project, from Mr. Blaine Van Sickle, Calhoun County Drain Commissioner.
- Received a memo from Mr. Jim Demarest regarding the cost of proposed pavement improvement of Trapper Ridge subdivision.
- Received a memo from Joanna Johnson, Assistant Managing Director, regarding the 2007 Abutment Construction bid for the Charlotte Highway Bridge.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Commissioner Monaweck and supported by Commissioner Brown to approve the April 25, 2007 accounts payable for \$465,151.69. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Monaweck and supported by Commissioner Brown to approve the April 25, 2007 payroll for \$115,168.15. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Monaweck to reject the previously approved bid to Davis Construction, Inc. and approve the Duckworth Brothers, Inc. bid for the 2007 Abutment Construction for the Charlotte Highway Bridge. Commissioner Brown asked why we were changing the bid award from Davis Construction, Inc. and awarding it to Duckworth Brothers, Inc. Mrs. Johnson explained the time constraints that came into play after the bid was awarded, regarding the special piece of equipment that was needed to place the abutments. The large crane was only going to be available in June and Davis Construction was not going to be able to meet the timeline for the use of that piece of equipment. Mrs. Johnson said that Davis Construction was very good to work with and understood our need to get the abutments placed. Duckworth Brothers could meet the timeline and start on placing the abutments within two days of our request. Davis Construction was in agreement with the change in the bid award. Voice vote: Motion carried.

MANAGING DIRECTORS' REPORT

Mr. Randolph noted the letter from Jim Demarest regarding Trappers Ridge subdivision. He wanted to let the Board know that the developers have committed to putting the topcoat on that roadway before we take it over. Mr. Demarest asked if we could help to move this along, so we agreed to split their payback to us in two pieces and charge interest. This way it will to move things along for them.

Mr. Randolph provided the Board with the following information:

Maintenance Work

- Pothole patching
- Drainage & ditching
- Tar & Chipping
- Cold patching
- Shoulder repair
- Touch up on gravel roads
- Tree work
- Guardrail (11 Mile Road)

Engineering Work

- Grant applications
- HRRR call is due June 2007
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Project Processing

- Custer Road
- Countywide pavement marking
- T Drive South, Clarendon Township
- 11 Mile Road & Verona Road Intersection

Federal Aid Submittals

- Avenue A & 20th Street
- North Avenue (need to send a clearance letter to the State Historic Preservation Officer-SHPO)
- Homer Road, Main Street

Other Work

- Asset Management Council presentation
- ITS workshop

Mr. Randolph met with Chris Dopp last week regarding putting a historic bridge across the river in the downtown area. There seems to be some interest in it.

Mr. Randolph met with the Court Administrator, Ed Brown, and the Sheriff regarding a new work crew. This is different than the current work crew, because currently the crew needs a guard to watch over them. The new program is with the district court and it would involve violators such as people that haven't paid child support or traffic fines. The judges are interested in not putting them in jail because they occupy bed spaces and the jails are already over crowded. Mr. Randolph noted that we could get as many as 6 or 8 folks a week on a running basis, which would help us out, as well as the overcrowding in the jails. This will all be contingent on whether the County Board will be willing to put up some up-front money for shirts, vests, lunches, and both of us will have some administrative costs. A request for funds is being prepared to go before the County Board from the Court Administrator and the Sheriff.

Mr. Randolph discussed Act 51. He did a comparison of the distribution of funds from 1992 until 2006. Our buying power today is the same as it was in 1992.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Monaweck stated that he was informed that there was a city crew on M-60 and Union City Road in the middle of the intersection with their unit up, working on the light with only four little cones on each side of their truck. At that location it was extremely foggy and he didn't feel it was very safe. Mr. Randolph said he would let the city know about this issue.

SUPERVISORS' & PUBLIC OFFICIALS' TIME

Mr. Harvey said that they might be interested in the Sheriff's crew to work in their parks.

CITIZEN'S TIME

Mr. Bramble stated that the potholes are growing but he knows we are aware of that. Mr. Bramble noted that out on Old 27 North, someone planted a bunch of pine trees almost in the road, right beside the creek. Mr. Randolph said that he would look into it.

Mr. Berezonsky asked who would be charged with the liability with the new work crew. Mr. Randolph stated that this is one of the things that need to be worked out, along with a few other items. Mr. Berezonsky said he was on Verona Road on Saturday and noted that they were three abreast on the bike path. Mr. Randolph said he would look into it. Mr. Berezonsky inquired if we issued a permit to the phone company to do work on B Drive North by the fair grounds. Mrs. Johnson said she would check and let him know.

The next meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners of the County of Calhoun will be Wednesday, May 16, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. There being no additional business before the Board, Chairman Travis adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Chester E. Travis, Chairman

Pixie Ann Coats, Deputy Clerk