

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Calhoun was held Wednesday, May 4, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. in their office located at 13300 Fifteen Mile Road, Marshall, Michigan.

Present: Commissioner Chester E. Travis, Chairperson  
Commissioner David D. Veramay, Vice-Chairperson  
Commissioner Charles E. Monaweck, Member  
Carole S. Tabiaddon, Deputy Managing Director – Clerk  
Angela Kline, Assistant County Highway Engineer  
Pixie Coats, Human Resources Manager

Also Present: Tom Frank, Albion Township Supervisor  
John Neterer, Leroy Township Supervisor  
Eugene Hamaker, Marshall Township Supervisor  
Joseph Bramble, Convis Township Resident  
Dennis Smock, Fredonia Township Resident  
Clarence Millard, Newton Township Resident  
Steve Ball, Calhoun County Road Commission  
David Fuller, Calhoun County Road Commission  
Jim Russell, Calhoun County Road Commission  
Hershel Stacy, Calhoun County Road Commission  
Robert Volkmer, Calhoun County Road Commission

Chairperson Travis called meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He stated that there being no additions or corrections to the regular meeting minutes of April 24, 2005 they stand approved as printed and distributed.

### NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Commissioner Veramay and supported by Commissioner Monaweck to approve Resolution 2005 – 07; ***“Buckle up America! Week”***. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Resolution 2005 - 07  
**“BUCKLE UP AMERICA! WEEK”**

**WHEREAS**, May 23-30, 2005 has been declared national ***“Buckle up America! Week”***; and

**WHEREAS**, motor vehicle crashes are the greatest single cause of death in the United States for American children; and

**WHEREAS**, when used, lap and shoulder safety belts reduce the risk of fatal or serious occupant injury to front seat passengers by 45 to 55 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, research has shown that if a driver is unbuckled, 70 percent of the time children in the vehicle are also unbuckled; and

**WHEREAS**, through continued public awareness, education and enforcement of safety belt laws and usage, death and serious injury should be significantly reduced.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Calhoun County Road Commission, in recognition of this national life-saving opportunity, joins with others across the country to proclaim our support for ***Buckle Up America! Week*** and encourage the community to support and endorse public education initiatives, public-private partnership efforts to ensure restraint use and the enforcement of current seat belt and child safety seat laws.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Moved by Commissioner Monaweck and supported by Commissioner Veramay to approve the April 25, 2005 accounts payable for \$388,864.62. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Veramay and supported by Commissioner Monaweck to approve the April 27, 2005 payroll for \$132,363.34. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Mrs. Tabiadon provided the Board with the following information:

- The crews have been pothole patching with several processes. The boom mower is working, the berm machine is operating and they are starting to re-gravel roads.
- They are working on the final roadwork list for 2005.
- The April cash report is in the Board packets.
- They are about to close April's business; then will look to see if budget adjustments are needed after the winter.
- The supervisors will tour Central Dispatch in May.
- She called the Boards attention to the correspondence with Albion City.

- She noted insurance and retirement information given to them by Pixie Coats.

Commissioner Monaweck inquired about a cash receipt for vacant parcel sale. Mrs. Tabiadon explained about the excess land sales that were going on. She will provide a map and information to him regarding those locations. Commissioner Monaweck provided Jim Russell literature regarding ditching equipment and requested he look into it and get back to him.

Commissioner Veramay stated that MIOSHA has been here for several days as a result of an employee complaint regarding “violations to numerous to list”, including carbon monoxide poisoning and illness. He has investigated and this is not true; there have been no reported illnesses. Commissioner Veramay stated that there are ways to file legitimate complaints; but this anonymous allegation costs us a lot of time and money to investigate.

Commissioner Veramay would like a policy that states trucks are to move out of the building as soon as they are started to eliminate excess fumes accumulating; even though there are adequate exhaust fans. Commissioner Veramay stated he wished that the employees would monitor each other to stop this abuse of unfounded allegations.

Commissioner Monaweck said that he attended a meeting on Monday; while waiting for time to leave he went to the garage. One large truck was running ... several patch trucks were sitting in the aisle blocking it in ... guys were standing around talking with a supervisor. No one seemed to be in any hurry to move out and go to work 30 minutes after start time. There might have been an explanation for this but at face value it does not look good and would like it addressed.

Tom Frank, Albion Township Supervisor, asked about insurance costs. Mrs. Coats listed the annual costs for Blue Cross Blue Shield as well as MERS. Mr. Frank invited everyone to attend the Michigan Township Association Meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup> at Albion Township Hall at 7 pm. The program will be Animal Waste Products.

Eugene Hamaker, Marshall Township Supervisor, thanked the Board for repairs made quickly after a service request. He stated that he appreciates the matching funds programs for roads.

Joseph Bramble, Convis Township resident, said the roads look good. He picked up tires last weekend and was on a lot of the township roads.

Clarence Millard, Newton Township resident, said they are using the berm machine on 6½ Mile Road and it looks very good.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. There being no additional business before the Board, Chairperson Travis adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

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Chester E. Travis, Chairperson

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Carole S. Tabiaddon, Clerk