

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Calhoun was held Wednesday, May 18, 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
Dennis A. Randolph, Managing Director
Joanna I. Johnson, Assistant Managing Director
Carole S. Tabiadon, Deputy Managing Director – Clerk
Angela Kline, Assistant County Highway Engineer

Also Present: Tom Frank, Albion Township Supervisor
Troy Radcliff, Newton Township Trustee
Joseph Bramble, Convis Township Resident
Paul Adams, Calhoun County Road Commission
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 May 4, 2005 they stand approved as printed and distributed.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Notice of Intent to Establish Condominium Project; Stoney Ridge Estates Condominiums; Emmett Township; Section 3

OTHER BUSINESS

Moved by Commissioner Monaweck and supported by Commissioner Veramay to approve the May 10, 2005 accounts payable for \$388,612.09. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Veramay and supported by Commissioner Monaweck to approve the May 11, 2005 payroll for \$137,055.24. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Mr. Randolph provided the Board with the following information:

- We are patching with various operations, cutting trees, working shoulders, pavement marking and regravelling.
- The paver should be here at the end of this month.
- The chip & seal operation will be late July and August which includes spot patching.
- We are ready to start H Drive South, Phase II. The pre-construction meeting is next week.
- The River Road Project with City of Battle Creek will start soon. Battle Creek has cleared the issues with the contractor.
- The design has started on the Custer Road Bridge for 2006.
- The 2006 roadwork already planned is:
 - Pennfield Road near the school
 - 11 Mile Road at Michigan Avenue – interchange redesign
 - Jackson Drive with Tekonsha Village
 - Broadway with Union City
 - A couple of signal projects
- He discussed Highway Tort Liability and Road Commission Liability Areas. The Power Point Presentation will be mailed to all townships for their information.
- He displayed a set of Right-of-Way maps just completed.
- MIOSHA received a complaint regarding “safety issues too numerous to list” and a carbon monoxide issue. MIOSHA spent four days here reviewing all aspects of our vehicles and facilities. Several small items were found to require repair or updating, which has been completed.
- A recent letter to the Battle Creek Enquirer & News regarding our Service Request System stated we rely on residents calls instead of finding our own maintenance issues. We are pleased that we track and respond and follow up our calls. This is an important piece of public relations with our residents.

Commissioner Monaweck addressed several areas:

- Asked if the MIOSHA results had been shared with employees, so they are aware of

them. Mrs. Johnson responded there was an alternate union steward present at the final discussion with the MIOSHA inspector and we will follow up with the Safety Committee and a possible presentation at the garage.

- Said that a resident expressed appreciation for the great job of grading 6 Mile Road.
- Came upon a crew on H Drive South and then went back several days later. He thought it was an inadequate job however after talking with Hershel Stacy he understands the project better. After it was completed it looked good; he wanted to clear that up.
- Gave Jim Russell some information on ditching equipment at the last meeting; what were his thoughts? Mr. Russell stated that we already have similar equipment and right now he thinks we will stick with what we have.

Commissioner Veramay stated that when he accepted the position of Road Commissioner he was one of the biggest critiques of the Road Commission. Things have changed dramatically over the years.

Tom Frank, Albion Township Supervisor, said the Service Request System works well. He would like the 1-800 telephone number for the Road Commission in the Albion telephone book. Mr. Frank said the Tort Liability presentation was good. He announced the Michigan Township Association meeting on Wednesday, May 25th at 7:00 pm at Albion Township Hall.

Joseph Bramble, Convis Township resident, said thanks for all the tree work in Convis Township.

Troy Radcliff, Newton Township Trustee, asked when the brining of gravel roads would start. Paul Adams stated they would begin next week. Mr. Radcliff mentioned that he heard several curves on Beadle Lake Road were slated for removal and would be made into "T" intersections. Mr. Randolph stated that just "sometime" as time and budget allows. As traffic volume and speeds increase they become a safety issue. Mr. Radcliff wanted to know if there were studies to back up these decisions, as he was told no data exists. Mr. Randolph explained that we only do the study when the intersection actually comes onto the radar screen, not in advance of the need. Since these projects are not in the foreseeable future no studies have been conducted. Discussion of several specific areas followed.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. There being no additional business before the Board, Chairperson Travis adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Chester E. Travis, Chairperson

Carole S. Tabiaddon, Clerk