

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Calhoun was held Wednesday, June 1, 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  
Steve Irons, Athens Township Supervisor  
John Nieterer, Leroy Township Supervisor  
Robert Brownell, Marengo Township Supervisor  
Eugene Hamaker, Marshall Township Supervisor  
Gardy Berezonsky, Marengo Township Resident  
Creighton Burrows, Marengo Township Resident  
Kelly Hadlich, Newton Township Resident  
Clarence Millard, Newton 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 18, 2005 they stand approved as printed and distributed.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Notice of Intent to Establish Condominium Project; Red Maple Condominiums; Emmett Township Section 31 and Newton Township Section 6

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Moved by Commissioner Monaweck and supported by Commissioner Veramay to approve the May 25, 2005 accounts payable for \$113,266.20. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Veramay and supported by Commissioner Monaweck to approve the May 25, 2005 payroll for \$138,533.57. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Commissioner Monaweck said he requested and received two publications from the Corps of Engineers regarding patching potholes. We need to set specifications and guidelines regarding patching for consistency and quality control. He will give the publications to Dennis Randolph and would like to see a committee with supervisors to review and formulate these guidelines.

Commissioner Veramay would like to see the plans for the condo project as the right-of-way does not sound right.

Mr. Randolph provided the Board with the following information:

- The crews are mowing, patching, regravelling, brining and cutting trees.
- The cash balance report is picking up a bit; but overall revenue is down.
- We started paving on Bellevue Road yesterday; then will move to Emmett Township. The crew practiced last week at the Marshall Garage, enlarging the parking area.
- He plans to have paving completed before sealing starts in July or August.
- He held a driver training session last week regarding filling potholes; it should help with the finished product.
- He is keeping the tar and chip patching going.
- The H Drive South Phase #2 project will start next week. He is going to Leroy Township tomorrow night to talk to residents.
- The signal work around Lakeview Square Mall and Harper Village will be all new hardware and have to be retimed. It is taking much longer than he anticipated.
- He is lining up 2006 projects already.
- He will be designing our own jobs inside, which will eliminate consultant costs.
- He explained intersection safety and the concern regarding curves versus "T" configuration.

- He displayed a chart showing current road ratings countywide.

Steve Irons, Athens Township Supervisor, said he had a couple of roads that need attention. He mentioned O Drive South near M-66 has serious sink holes; M-66 north of N Drive South the shoulders are washing out around the guardrail; most roads could use some shoulder work. The gravel roads are in good shape

Robert Brownell, Marengo Township Supervisor, said that 22 ½ Mile Road between Rice Creek and H Drive North is in bad shape; the 21 Mile Road single-lane bridge was hit by a car and needs structural checking; on Michigan Avenue at the Carr Brothers Pit the dust is very bad from trucks tracking onto the road from the I-94 job.

Tom Frank, Albion Township Supervisor, said the Homer Pit on 29 Mile Road needs to be checked, too.

Eugene Hamaker, Marshall Township Supervisor, inquired about the 3 MDOT signals and Mr. Randolph replied that he has heard nothing from MDOT. Mr. Hamaker said that the road edges are starting to break-off and need some work.

John Nieterer, Leroy Township Supervisor, said Capital Avenue needs crack sealing. B Drive South west of Sonoma School and east of M-66 need shoulder work.

Kelly Hadlich, Newton Township resident, questioned getting roads cleared from downed trees during storms. Jim Russell, Superintendent, explained that Central Dispatch should be notified as they have the contact information for our emergency staff. Then we will call in employees as needed and they will respond with the necessary equipment. We do not pay local fire departments and others to remove the trees for us. We will get to them in our priority order.

Creighton Burrows, Marengo Township resident, said the new fairgrounds roads were blocked by the Mayfaire Event and he doubted if they had permission to do that. He mentioned that those roads were not plowed all winter and they are public roads.

Gardy Berezonsky, Marengo Township resident, said the Sheriff Department is target shooting all the time at the Division Drive Pit, especially on weekends is very annoying. Commissioner Veramay said we will try to get the Sheriff Department schedule to see if it is them, or outsiders taking advantage of the gravel pit.

Clarence Millard, Newton Township resident, said we could eliminate some of the trees in the road problems by clear-cutting roadsides back and not allowing new trees to be planted in the right-of-way.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. There being no additional business before the Board, Chairperson Travis adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

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Chester E. Travis, Chairperson

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Carole S. Tabiaddon, Clerk