

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Calhoun was held Wednesday, July 21, 2004 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 Albert C. Bobrofsky, Member  
Dennis A. Randolph, Managing Director  
Carole S. Tabiadon, Deputy Managing Director – Clerk  
Joanna I. Johnson, Assistant Managing Director  
Angela Kline, Assistant Highway Engineer  
Pixie Coats, Human Resource Manager

Also Present: Tom Frank, Albion Township Supervisor  
Frank Manke, Clarendon Township Supervisor  
Clinton Bolton, Leroy Township Supervisor  
Robert Brownell, Marengo Township Supervisor  
Eugene Hamaker, Marshall Township Supervisor  
Judy Mackinder, Pennfield Township Supervisor  
Pete Shrontz, Marengo Township Trustee  
Carole Bammer, Pennfield Township Clerk  
Joseph Bramble, Convis Township Resident  
Dennis Smock, Fredonia Township Resident  
Clarence Millard, Newton Township Resident  
David Fuller, Calhoun County Road Commission  
Roger Horton, Calhoun County Road Commission  
Hershel Stacy, Calhoun County Road Commission  
Robert Volkmer, Calhoun County Road Commission

Chairperson Chester Travis called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. There being no additions or corrections to the regular meeting minutes of July 7, 2004, they stand approved as printed and distributed.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

- Resolution from Pennfield Township regarding speed limit change

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Moved by Commissioner Bobrofsky and supported by Commissioner Veramay to approve Resolution 2004 – 10; Deficit Reduction Plan for Housing Rehabilitation. Voice vote: Motion carried.

**Resolution 2004 – 10  
Fund Deficit Plan**

WHEREAS, Calhoun County Road Commission – Housing Rehabilitation was audited for the 2003 Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, the 2003 Fiscal Year Audit has determined that there is a fund deficit in that fund; and

WHEREAS, the deficit for Calhoun County Road Commission – Housing Rehabilitation is \$68,483; and

WHEREAS, a Fund Deficit Plan must be filed with the State of Michigan Department of Treasury according to MCL 141.921.

THEREFORE IT IS DETERMINED, Calhoun County Road Commission – Housing Rehabilitation has costs of \$68,483 that was expended by the Road Commission and will be recoverable with the completion of the current grant at the end of 2004; this will negate the Calhoun County Road Commission – Housing Rehabilitation deficit.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Calhoun County Road Commission – Housing Rehabilitation has a valid and workable deficit elimination plan in place and will carry such out with the approval of the Calhoun County Board of Road Commission.

Moved by Commissioner Veramay and supported by Commissioner Bobrofsky to authorize Joanna Johnson as Voting Delegate and Steve Ball as Alternate Delegate to the C.R.A.S.I.F. Annual Meeting. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Bobrofsky and supported by Commissioner Veramay to approve the July 9, 2004 accounts payable for \$171,894.11. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Veramay and supported by Commissioner Bobrofsky to approve the July 7, 2004 payroll for \$140,120.32. Voice vote: Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Randolph provided the Board with the following information:

- Chip & seal and paving are the main operations right now
- They are doing sealcoat prep ahead of chip & seal; some roadside clean-up; and

sweeping

- They are working on the shoulders, especially where we are paving to meet the edges and boxing them.
- The chip & seal crew has gone +66 miles at a good average cost per mile. They have very good rates; he has daily charts to monitor application rates.
- They are paving on 20 Mile Road, and then moving to Centennial Road, then M-66 north. The crew is moving along and has averaged good cost per mile.
- The Beadle Lake road project received the top course last week. The Federal Aid job is from Harper Creek High School to I-94; from I-94 to Golden Avenue is state maintenance overlay.
- We did a budget review this week and there will be no mid-year adjustments; we are staying in line.
- We are crack sealing and shoulder paving on I-69; it will be 2 years before any more jobs are done out there.
- Regarding the Pennfield speed study; a 4 year old speed study shows 45-46 m.p.h. He will do a current one then get with the State Police.

Commissioner Bobrofsky said that he appreciates the Road Commission working with the new businesses along Beadle Lake Road.

Eugene Hamaker, Marshall Township Supervisor, said that some edges are getting bumpy, but he is fairly pleased with the roads overall.

Judy Mackinder, Pennfield Township Supervisor, said thank you to Joanna Johnson and Dennis Randolph especially for their help with resident concerns.

Robert Brownell, Marengo Township Supervisor, said thank you to the paving crew for 20 Mile Road and 21 Mile Road, they look good so far. On H Drive North at the Brownell Pit entrance; the crew seal coated over potholes. The potholes are still on 22 ½ Mile Road and 20 Mile Road north of F Drive North. (Hershel Stacy said the paving crew took care of 20 Mile Road yesterday.)

Clinton Bolton, Leroy Township Supervisor, said he appreciated the ½ Mile Road pothole repairs, but it needs to be resurfaced next year.

Tom Frank, Albion Township Supervisor, said the road surfaces look good. The boom

mower needs to be out there. Mr. Randolph said that we can't free anybody right now, until after one of the big crews go down. Mr. Frank said the mowing needs to be done more often. He said that one mile of regravels in each township is great each year and the Road Commission should look at one mile of paving in each township, also. Mr. Randolph said other Road Commissions receive County funds toward roads; Calhoun does not. It makes a difference in what work we can do.

Commissioner Veramay said that when he was township supervisor; 1 mil of taxes was dedicated toward roads. The revenue in townships has changed drastically since then, as have the expenditures. The residents in the rural area have changed as well; we are getting more city people in the country that want city services. These changes will need to come from Lansing.

Frank Manke, Clarendon Township Supervisor, said that 21 Mile Road off T Drive South is in bad shape. Mr. Randolph said he would look at it after the meeting. Mr. Manke said the crew did an excellent job on L Drive North at the bridge.

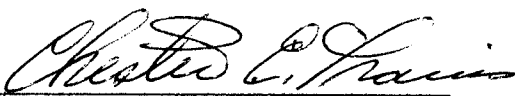
Clarence Millard, Newton Township resident, said B Drive South off M-66 is repaired now. He said that the gravel roads are in pretty good shape.

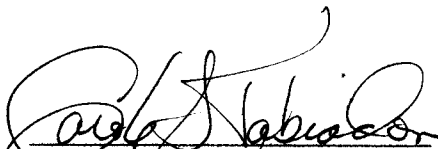
Joseph Bramble, Convis Township resident, said he is glad to see the crews working in Convis Township. He said most roads were in pretty good shape. There were tires dumped on P Drive North between 12 Mile Road and 13 Mile Road that will have to be removed before it is sealed.

Judy Mackinder, Pennfield Township Supervisor, said if the Township Resolutions were sent in toward the Broadband, they should receive funds that can only be used for road maintenance or road beautification. Townships should be checking into that funding available to them; and using it properly.

What happens when you call into the Road Commission with a complaint? Do they go anywhere? Mrs. Johnson said that all customer calls go into the Service Request System and are routed to the supervisors. Management reviews the outstanding requests and follows up with the supervisors.

The next regular meeting of the Calhoun County Road Commission Board is scheduled for Wednesday, August 4, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in their office at 13300 Fifteen Mile Road, Marshall Michigan. There being no additional business before the Board, Chairperson Travis adjourned the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

  
Chester E. Travis, Chairperson

  
Carole S. Tabiaddon, Clerk