

The meeting of the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners was held Wednesday, September 19, 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

Also Present: Paul Adams, Calhoun County Road Commission
Steve Ball, Calhoun County Road Commission
Hershel Stacy, Calhoun County Road Commission
Robert Volkmer, Calhoun County Road Commission
General Public

Chairman Chester Travis called the regular meeting of the Board of Calhoun 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 September 5, 2007. Voice vote. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

- Received a Resolution from Albion Township requesting Calhoun County Road Commission to make repairs and apply an additional 1.5" of hot mix overlay with gravel shoulders on B Drive South

Mrs. Johnson apologized to the Board for not having the resolution from Albion Township under new business for approval. Because of the timing of the resolution and the issues with the project, the job needed to be completed. In working with the Albion Township Board, we felt it was important to take care of the issue right away.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 2007 Budget and Recommended 2007 Amended Budget
- No other unfinished business came before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Commissioner Monaweck and supported by Commissioner Brown, to approve the September 10, 2007 accounts payable for \$457,006.14. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Monaweck and supported by Commissioner Brown, to approve the September 10, 2007 accounts payable for \$19,754.00. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Monaweck and supported by Commissioner Brown to approve the September 12, 2007 payroll for \$115,713.85. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Brown and supported by Commissioner Monaweck to approve the year to date 2007 Budget and Recommended 2007 Amended Budget. Voice vote: Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Monaweck stated that he wanted to make a few comments about the accusations that have been made regarding this Board of Commissioners, the illegal expenditure of funds and our inability to work with other County departments. The motion he is about to make is not new and as far as his viewpoint is concerned, he has expressed it publicly and his feelings are on record.

Commissioner Monaweck made a motion that the Calhoun County Road Commission revert back to being the Calhoun County Road Commission, with the responsibility of the Parks and Public Works being returned to the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as of December 31, 2007. Commissioner Travis stated that he would support the motion if it is legal, but being that we owe money to Public Works, he didn't feel the Board can turn it back over to the County without having paid the debt off first.

Mr. Randolph stated that the money right now is owed from the Duck Lake Project to the Road Commission. He stated with that project, the payables to the Road Commission will be taken care of. The Duck Lake Project won't be completed until next year.

Mrs. Johnson said that the deficit with the parks has been taken care of and we have nothing outstanding with the parks system.

Commissioner Brown stated that he would like a copy of the motion before he votes on it, so he will know exactly what he is voting on.

Commissioner Travis suggested that the motion be tabled until the next meeting. This way we can make sure that we are doing things legally. No one had any objections to tabling the motion until the next meeting.

It was agreed by all the Commissioners to table the Compost Center Agreement with the City of Marshall until the next Board meeting.

MANAGING DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Randolph, Managing Director, provided the Board with an update on maintenance, construction, and project information. He commented on various engineering projects.

SUPERVISOR & PUBLIC OFFICIAL TIME

Mr. Frank asked if the Road Commission was going to do a road tour this year. Mr. Randolph stated that it was set for Friday, October 26, 2007.

Mr. Hamaker stated that the job done on 11 Mile Road and Verona Road is beautiful. They did a great job. Mr. Randolph commented that the engineer for the City of Battle Creek designed the 11 Mile Road and Verona Road job for us and they did an excellent job. Mr. Hamaker informed the Board that on September 30, 2007, they would be having an Open House for the new Fire Station on Old 27.

Mr. Sprau thanked staff for the stop sign at Hussey. He also noted he was present at the last Calhoun County Board meeting and there needs to be more talk verses blame.

Mrs. Johnson stated that the Solid Waste Management Fund would be funding the Compost Center with \$5,106.24, to allow the center to remain open to county residents for the remainder of the 2007 calendar year. Mrs. Johnson commented that she hopes to have an updated agreement to come before the Board at the next meeting.

CITIZEN TIME

Mr. Millard stated that he felt they should get rid of the County Commissioners and get a new slate in there. They should put aside their political beliefs and start working for the people, which is what they should be doing in the first place.

Mr. Bramble noted he agrees that the County dumped Parks and Public Works on the Road Commission, and now notes it is all their fault. There are some potholes, but knows we are working on them and would like to see the boom mower out in his area. Also, he reminded staff of the drainage issues on N Drive North.

Mr. Veramay commented that the mowing looks good.

Mr. Berezonsky commented on the City of Marshall budget for the compost center.

Mrs. Johnson asked for clarification on whether or not we are to continue to maintain the parks system like we currently are with the funds that we have. Commissioner Brown said that as long as it is in compliance with all Michigan Compiled Law's, then we are fine with everything we do.

The next meeting of the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners will be Wednesday, October 3, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. There being no additional business before the Board, Chairman Travis adjourned the meeting at 9:37 a.m.

Chester E. Travis, Chairman

Pixie Ann Coats, Deputy Clerk