

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Clinton was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the boardroom of the Clinton County Road Commission, 3536 S. BR127, St. Johns, MI 48879.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chairman Peter Blauwikel

Commissioners Present: Peter Blauwikel, Kevin Holt and Gail Watkins

Staff Present: Managing Director Joseph Pulver and Director of Finance/Clerk Jill Rey

Visitors: Kam Washburn

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Mrs. Rey, the Clerk to the Board, requested nominations for Chairperson:

It was moved by Commissioner Watkins and seconded by Commissioner Holt to nominate Pete Blauwikel as chairperson for 2018 and to close the nominations.

A vote indicated 2 ayes and 0 nays and 1 abstained.

Mrs. Rey, the Clerk to the Board, requested nominations for Vice Chairperson:

It was moved by Commissioner Holt and seconded by Commissioner Blauwikel to nominate Gail Watkins as vice chairperson for 2018 and to close the nominations.

A vote indicated 2 ayes and 0 nays and 1 abstained.

APPOINTMENT OF MANAGING DIRECTOR, CLERK OF THE BOARD, AND ENGINEER FOR 2018:

It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to appoint Joseph Pulver as Managing Director, Jill Rey as Clerk of the Board, and Daniel Armentrout as County Highway Engineer for 2018.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 22, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to approve the December 22, 2017 regular meeting minutes as presented.

AGENDA:

It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to approve the Agenda as printed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The following communications were reviewed: 1) Seven County Council Agenda for 1/16/18, 2) Notice of refund from CRASIF, 3) 44North announcement of merger, 4) Michigan Department of Treasury Numbered Letter 2018-1 regarding local government retirement reporting.

It was moved by Commissioner Holt, seconded by Commissioner Watkins, and passed unanimously, to accept and place the communications on file.

INFORMATION FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

County Commissioner Washburn reported: 1) Annual organizational meeting was held, he is glad to report that he will continue to be the road commission's liaison, 2) The infrastructure committee was formed, it will handle issues regarding the physical assets of the county, 3) County Commissioner Washington is very interested in non-motorized paths and is continuing to increase his knowledge regarding funding and long term planning, 4) The first application for a solar farm has been received for 182 acres in Bingham Township .

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

STAFF REPORTS:

Mrs. Rey reported on the following: 1) MTF received in January (for November) was \$691,571.01, 2) Wireless access points will be programmed and installed on 1/12/18, 3) Phone system will be installed on 1/23/18, 4) Will begin year end processing after final MTF is received.

Mr. Pulver reported on the following: 1) Maintenance report, 2) MDOT maintenance report, 3) Township Officers Association Meeting at Bingham Twp. Hall on January 25th, 4) Discussed the Over Time Reward Program, 5) State Police Motor Carrier meeting, 6) Will attend the Engineering workshop with Dan Armentrout and Jake Perkins, February 13, 14 and 15, 7) Taking bids on February 21st, 8) Truck #700042 blown engine, will have it repaired at an approximate cost of \$34,000, 9) 2018 Federal Aid updates. Hope to have the forms to purchase federal aid from Arenac County for the February Board meeting, 10) Mediation on seniority issue on January 29th, 11) Received grievance on OT call in, 12) Will be on vacation January 17-22, 13) Clinton County Road Commission will be the highlighted road commission in the next County Road Association Crossroads magazine.

COUNTY ROAD ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS BALLOT:

It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to cast a unanimous ballot for Joanna Johnson for the CRA Board of Directors.

APPROVAL OF BID EXTENSIONS:

It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to approve the bid extension for west side mowing from L&B Mowing, and the bid extension from Michigan Chloride Sales for east side and west side mineral well brine, solid application and spot application, as presented.

REVISIONS/REVIEW OF POLICIES #11-#25:

It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to acknowledge the review of Policies #12, #13, #14, to approve the revisions, as presented, to Policies #11, #15, #16, #17, #21, #23, and #25 and to rescind Policies #20 and #22.

SET DATE FOR LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST:

Possible dates were suggested for the legislative breakfast. Mr. Pulver will contact the legislators and finalize a date.

2017 CERTIFICATION OF ROADS

It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously to authorize Chairman Blauwiel to sign the 2017 Annual Certification of Roads Act 51 cover sheet, as presented.

APPROVAL OF RIGHT OF WAY PERMITS:

The right-of-way permits were reviewed by the board. It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to approve the following right-of-way permits: 001-18 through 010-18.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND PAYROLLS:

It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to approve vouchers (#61424 - #61475 and electronic checks) and payroll checks (#90606 - #90620 and direct deposit advices) as presented, in the total amount of \$796,189.56.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Holt – Inquired about the speed limit on Clark Rd. going east from Schavey. Mr. Pulver will check but thinks it is not posted because it is prima fascia, which makes the speed limit 55.

Commissioner Watkins – Tri County: Update on the By-Law revision process.

Commissioner Blauwiel – Noticed on the County Road Association Facebook page that Huron County Road Commission gave a presentation to the Manure Applicator Certification Class about over the road hauling of manure and its impact on rural roads. Pulver stated that he is seeking a legal opinion regarding the ability to place manure lines in the R.O.W.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m. with the next regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.



Pete Blauwiel, Chairman of the Board



Jill A. Rey, Director of Finance/Clerk to the Board