

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Clinton was held on Thursday, March 23, 2017 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 Blauwiel

Commissioners Present: Peter Blauwiel, Kevin Holt and Gail Watkins

Staff Present: Managing Director Joseph Pulver, Director of Engineering Daniel Armentrout, Director of Finance/Clerk Jill Rey and Director of Operations Brian Betz

Visitors: None

MINUTES:

The minutes of the March 9, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to approve the March 9, 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) MERS email update, 2) Fraudulent Unemployment Claim. 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 was unable to attend the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

STAFF REPORTS:

Director of Engineering: 1) 2017 Federal Aid Projects: Herbison Road, Turner-BR127 - tree removal is in process, on schedule to start sometime after school is out; Grange from M21-Colony - Rieth Riley was low bidder, construction to start May 15- June 15; Round Lake from Chandler to Shepardsville - Rieth Riley was low bidder, construction to start May 15 – June 15, 2) 2018 Federal Aid Projects update, 3) Reported that 172 Agricultural permits had been issued so far this season. A discussion followed regarding permit fees.

Mrs. Rey reported on the following: 1) CRA Highway conference, 2) MERS to present the actuarial report in August, 2) Testing setup of Govpaynet, 3) Township Contracts, 4) MDOT 2015 Audit update, 6) MDOT Performance audit update.

Mr. Pulver reported on the following: 1) Maintenance report, 2) Weight restrictions will be lifted on Monday 3/27 at 6:00 a.m., 3) Summer 4/10 work hours begin on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4) Received a call from County Commissioner Kam Washburn requesting that he attend the next Ways and Means Committee meeting to give an overview of the large projects in the County for 2017 and review the latest OPEB Actuarial report. Mr. Washburn also discussed concerns that had been relayed to him from County Commissioner Ken Mitchell regarding issues brought to him by Watertown Charter Township Manager Jennifer Tubbs, regarding her dissatisfaction with the road commission and its methods and philosophy about road maintenance, projects, use of Asset Management and allocation of funds. Pulver addressed his frustration with the misinformation

and misunderstanding of the Road Commission by Watertown Township staff. Much effort has been made to aid communication and understanding of the Road Commission's programs. Much discussion followed.

The regular board meeting was recessed until 11:00 a.m. to allow time to conduct the Westphalia Township annual meeting.

FEBRUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

It was moved by Commissioner Holt, Seconded by Commissioner Watkins, and passed unanimously, to accept and place the February Financial Statements on file.

APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP CONTRACTS:

It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, Seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to approve the following Township contracts:

Dallas Twp: 047017;

DeWitt Twp: 057017, 057027, 057037, 057047, 057057, 057067, 057077, 057087, 057097, 057107, 059017, 059027;

Olive Twp: 117017, 117027, 117037, 117047, 117057, 117067, 117077, 117087, 117097, 113017;

Essex Twp: 087017, 087027, 087037, 087047, 087057, 087067, 080017, 080027

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: 027-17 through 030-17.

VOUCHERS AND PAYROLLS:

It was moved by Commissioner Holt, seconded by Commissioner Watkins, and passed unanimously, to approve vouchers (#60308 - #60351) and payroll checks (#90216 - #90233 and direct deposit advices) as presented, in the total amount of \$295,571.73.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Holt – Found the Township meetings to be very informative and helpful but requested that they be consolidated into 2 days next year if possible.

Commissioner Watkins – Reported that Tri County Regional Planning Committee requested an increase in dues, the request was rejected so the amount of \$21,307 will remain the same until September 2018.

Commissioner Blauwikel – Thanked all the staff including Dan, Brian, Ron and Tim for their work toward Township meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. with the next regular meeting scheduled for April 20, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.



Pete Blauwikel, Chairman of the Board



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