

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Clinton was held on Thursday, May 25, 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

Visitors: Kam Washburn

MINUTES:

The minutes of the April 20, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to approve the April 20, 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) CRASIF Notice of Refund, 2) CRASIF Premium Deposit, 3) Miss Dig Notice of Termination, 4) MCRCSIP Annual Meeting, 5) Updated Meeting Schedule. It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to accept and place the communications on file.

INFORMATION FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

County Commissioner Washburn reported: 1) Completed a zoning ordinance amendment pertaining to solar farms, 2) A new line item has been put in the budget for legal fees concerning building and soil erosion issues (nuisance issues), 3) Received final audit report, 4) Drain Commission revolving fund for drain maintenance was increased to \$250,000 per year, the amount per mile has doubled to \$5,000. Commissioners Watkins gave a brief update on Tri County Regional Planning activities.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

STAFF REPORTS:

Director of Engineering: 1) County paving update: Most local roads have been completed with the exception of Watertown. DeWitt from Stoll to Clark is scheduled for next week, 2) Federal Aid update: Herbison Road delays, Round Lake Road will be completed soon, Grange from M21-Colony is on schedule for June, 3) 2018 Federal Aid review.

Mrs. Rey reported on the following: 1) May MTF \$763,787.05, 2) Govpaynet is up and running and being used regularly and we've received positive comments, 3) MERS overpayment applied toward unfunded liability, 4) Finance and H/R Annual Conference.

Mr. Pulver reported on the following: 1) Maintenance report, 2) MDOT maintenance report, 3) Paving at Sheriff's office, 4) Ways and Means Committee presentation, 5) Chip seal to be done in June, 6) Township Officer's Meeting at Bengal Township on 4/27, 7) Non-Motorized concerns for DeWitt Road paving in 2019, 8) Signs for festivals. Mr. Pulver explained his concerns with providing signage for local festivals. It was the

consensus of the Board that they support the Managing Director's position that Road Commission signs be used for Road Commission purposes.

APRIL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

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

MAY CASH STATUS REPORT:

It was moved by Commissioner Holt, Seconded by Commissioner Watkins, and passed unanimously, to accept and place the May Cash Status report on file.

REVISION TO POLICY #123 – ETHICAL STANDARDS AND CONDUCT:

It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously to remove Policy #123 – Ethical Standards and Conduct from the table.

It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously to accept Policy #123 – Ethical Standards and Conduct as presented and that an employee acknowledgement page that states that the employee has read and received it be attached.

RESOLUTION TO REQUEST TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM FUNDING:

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Holt, seconded by Commissioner Watkins to adopt the following resolution: A roll call vote was as follows-Ayes 3, nays 0.

WHEREAS, The Herbison Road Non-Motorized Path has been planned to be constructed during the summer of 2017, and

WHEREAS, The Clinton County Road Commission has secured Michigan Department of Transportation, Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant funding to construct the Path, and

WHEREAS, Clinton County will provide matching funding to move forward and commits the funds necessary to carry out the project through DeWitt Charter Township and the City of DeWitt. This commitment includes but is not limited to, matching funds, engineering for design and construction, permit fees, administration costs and any cost overruns, and

WHEREAS, The City of DeWitt and DeWitt Charter Township commit to owning, operating and funding/implementing a maintenance plan/program over the design life of paved shoulders constructed with TAP funding from Old US 27 to the DeWitt Sports Park west of Turner Road,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton County Road Commission authorizes Daniel Armentrout, Dir. of Engineering to request TAP funding and act as the agent during project development, sign a project agreement upon receipt of the funding award and commits to the availability of the funds necessary to carry out the project.

RESOLUTION FOR PETITION MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT OF LOESCH DRAIN:

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Holt, seconded by Commissioner Watkins to adopt the following resolution: A roll call vote was as follows-Ayes 3, nays 0.

WHEREAS, the Loesch Drain is a county drain and the Loesch Drain Drainage District is a county drainage district located in Clinton County, established pursuant to the Michigan Drain Code, Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Section 327 of the Drain Code authorizes a board of county road commissioners to file with

the Drain Commissioner a petition for maintenance and improvement of a drain if necessary for the construction or maintenance of any highway to take the surplus water across adjacent lands; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Clinton County Road Commissioners has determined that the maintenance and improvement of the Loesch Drain is necessary for the construction or maintenance of Clark Road Road to take surplus water across adjacent lands, and is also necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience or welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Clinton County Road Commissioners does authorize the filing of a petition for maintenance and improvement the Wilderness Drive Drain.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Manager is authorized to execute the petition for maintenance and improvement of the Loesch Drain.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary shall forward to the Clinton County Drain Commissioner a copy of this Resolution for the petition for maintenance and improvement of the Loesch Drain.

APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP CONTRACTS:

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

Bengal Twp: 027087

Eagle Twp: 077047, 077057, 077067, 077077, 077087, 079017, 079027

Greenbush Twp: 097037, 097047, 097057, 099017

Lebanon Twp: 107017

Ovid Twp: 127017, 127027, 127037, 127047, 127057, 127067, 127077, 129017, 129027

Riley Twp: 137057

Watertown Twp: 159017

Clinton County: 900497

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: 058-17 through 091-17.

VOUCHERS AND PAYROLLS:

It was moved by Commissioner Holt, seconded by Commissioner Watkins, and passed unanimously, to approve vouchers (#60454 - #60605) and payroll checks (#90268 - #90320 and direct deposit advices) as presented, in the total amount of \$1,019,108.36

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

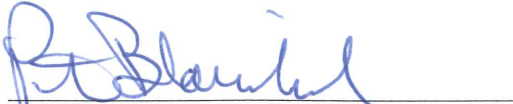
Commissioner Holt –

Commissioner Watkins – Has heard continuing complaints about Wood Road truck traffic

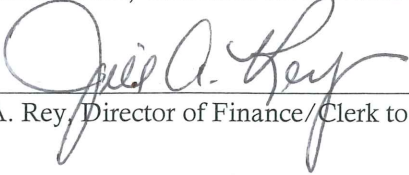
Commissioner Blauwiel – Reported on Greenspace Committee and inquired about which Townships chose to have gravel supplied by Stoneco.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m. with the next regular meeting scheduled for June 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.



Pete Blauwiel, Chairman of the Board



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