

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Clinton was held on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 10:00 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, and Director of Finance/Clerk Jill Rey

Visitors: Kam Washburn

MINUTES:

The minutes of the June 15, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to approve the June 15, 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) Department of Treasury Performance Audit, 2) MERS Conference Invitation, 3) News from MERS regarding reduced costs.

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) The County Board of Commissioners voted to purchase all new voting machines to be placed throughout the county. The State helps to pay for the machines but there could be a minimal cost to the Townships. The new machines will expedite the County's ability to report results to the State, 2) New rules are in place in regard to indigent defense. In the past, the judge appointed the attorney for those who requested a court appointed attorney but now a third party will be required to appoint the attorney. He noted that 75% of the cases in the County utilize a court appointed attorney. Part of this process is also to vet those who request a court appointed attorney to verify whether they are truly indigent.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no public comments.

STAFF REPORTS:

Mr. Armentrout reported on the following: 1) County Paving update, 2) 2017 Federal Aid projects update: Herbison Road – Turner to BR127 was bid July 7th, came in 10% under the estimate, projected start date is early August. Adjustments have been made to accommodate school traffic after it starts. This will be an advance construct project. Round Lake from Chandler to Shepardsville – The project is complete, some issues with high friction surface, working with contractor to get resolution. Grange-M21 to Colony – Nearly complete, some washout areas to stabilize, 3) 2018 Federal Aid projects update, 4) Discussion regarding Baese Court in Ovid Township.

Mrs. Rey reported on the following: 1) July MTF \$789,758.24, 2) Submitted Report to Treasury for Act 530, 3) Filed Unclaimed Property form, 4) Filed Qualifying Statement, 5) Filed PCORI Fees, 6) Submitted Blue Cross Blue Shield Data Collection survey which provides the documentation that we are a small group

employer with under 50 employees, 7) Notice of termination from MISS DIG, 8) Installed AnyConnect remote access program, 9) MDOT Budget update, 10) Emily Armentrout has been redecorating the front lobby, 11) New Commissioner chairs purchased, 12) Will be on vacation next week.

Mr. Pulver reported on the following: 1) Maintenance report, 2) MDOT maintenance report, 3) Non - Motorized letter responses from DeWitt Township who is interested and Essex Township who is not interested, 4) Seven County Council meeting July 18th, 5) MCRCSIP meeting July 19th and 20th.

JULY CASH STATUS REPORT:

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

MDOT RESOLUTION FOR HERBISON ROAD – PAVING, SEWER AND NON-MOTORIZED PATH:

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Holt, seconded by Commissioner Watkins, and passed with 3 ayes and 0 nays, it was moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a contract between the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Clinton County Road Commission has been presented for consideration for Contract No. 17-5288, and

WHEREAS, this contract is for PART A: Hot mix asphalt cold milling and resurfacing work along Herbison Road from approximately 800 feet west of Turner Road easterly to Highway Old 127; and all together with necessary related work; and

WHEREAS, this contract is for PART B: Sanitary sewer pump and hot mix asphalt approach work within the limits as described in PART A; and all together with necessary related work, and

WHEREAS, this contract is for PART C: Non-motorized path construction work along Herbison Road from approximately 800 feet west of Turner Road easterly to Highway Old 127; and all together with necessary related work; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Road Commission has approved participation in their share of this project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Chairperson Peter Blauwikel and Director of Finance/Clerk Jill Rey be authorized and instructed to sign the contract for and on behalf of the Clinton County Road Commission.

2016 CLINTON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT:

It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, Seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to receive and place on file the 103rd Annual Report of the Clinton County Road Commission, as presented.

APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP CONTRACT:

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

Lebanon Township: 107207

RIGHT OF WAY PERMITS:

The right-of-way permits were reviewed by the board. It was moved by Commissioner Holt, seconded by Commissioner Watkins, and passed unanimously, to approve the following right-of-way permits: 113-17 through 139-17.

VOUCHERS AND PAYROLLS:

It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to

approve vouchers (#60686 - #60749) and payroll checks (#90341 - #90377 and direct deposit advices) as presented, in the total amount of \$1,444,047.89

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Holt – No comments

Commissioner Watkins – Inquired about Greenspace’s interest in non-motorized funding. Blauwikel noted that the Committee meets tonight but he feels the Committee is currently more focused on an additional park for the County than non-motorized paths. Watkins will meet with County Commissioner Dwight Washington as he wants to understand the process at Tri County regarding potential funding for non-motorized paths. Blauwikel stated that there is a non-motorized master plan for the County, and then each Township has a plan. Watkins reported on other Tri-County news: 1) He has requested that Clinton County have another seat on the Board, 2) Staffing issues, 3) Meeting with newly formed lobbying group, Capital Council of Government (CAPCOG) to work toward securing more federal funding in the tri-county area.

Commissioner Blauwikel – Heard from a Grange Road resident that they enjoy roller blading on the new asphalt. Related to Greenspace, he did relay the improvements on DeWitt Road scheduled for 2019.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11.32 a.m. with the next regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.



Pete Blauwikel, Chairman of the Board



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