

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Clinton was held on Monday, October 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 and Director of Finance/Clerk Jill Rey

Visitors: Kam Washburn, Charles Babcock

MINUTES:

The minutes of the September 11, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to approve the September 11, 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) MCRCSIP Refund Letter, 2) Dept. of Treasury notice of Medical Benefit Plans Annual Cost Limitations for 2018, 3) MDOT Notice of Annual Traffic Summit, 4) MERS email verifying the creation of a surplus division and new employer rates.

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 Clinton County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution making November homeless awareness month, 2) The County Budget Hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on 10/10/17. The budget is flat lined from last year and will remain that way unless there is an extra voted county millage. The only way to increase the operating budget is either by a voted county wide millage or by new residential growth.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Charles Babcock, Lyons Township Supervisor, addressed the Board regarding dust concerns in Lyons Township, specifically on Staley Road from Reeder Road north to Pekins Road. The dust is caused by gravel hauling out of Shroufe Pit for Clinton County Road Commission projects. He asked that we would be good neighbors and pay for some dust control. Mr. Pulver stated that he had spoken with Dorothy Pohl, Managing Director for Ionia County Road Commission about the issue and he had agreed to a dust control arrangement. Mr. Babcock requested that there be something in writing reflecting the terms of the agreement. There was discussion about being able to determine who is responsible for hauling when dusty conditions are created.

STAFF REPORTS:

Mrs. Rey reported on the following: 1) August MTF was \$785,540.78 and was paid early in September, there will not be an MTF payment in October, will be back on schedule with a payment during first week of November (for September), 2) MERS Surplus Division, 3) Submitted Work Comp payroll estimates for 2018/2019 and renewed membership agreement with CRASIF, 4) Filed Title VI annual certification, 5) Michigan Works new employee safety training program, 6) Reviewing COBRA Administration, 7) Health insurance renewal rate increases are as follows: BCN 6.08%, retiree BCN .24%, BCBSM 13.43%, Retiree BCBSM 8.01%, still waiting on HRA rates, will be meeting with insurance committee as soon as HRA rates

are available, 8) Added materials/parts inventory to the insurance schedule, 9) BCBSM and BCN Medical Loss Ratio refund of \$12,514.47.

Mr. Pulver reported on 1) Maintenance report, 2) MDOT maintenance report,, 3) Supt conference last week, 4) Hired new truck driver Justin Gallagher, 5) Nancy Snider back to work.

SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

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

OCTOBER CASH STATUS REPORT:

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

AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN ROADWAY EASEMENT FOR THUNDER LANE EXTENSION, DEER CREEK PHASE II:

It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to authorize Chairman Blauwiel to sign the Right of Way Easement for Thunder Lane, Deer Creek Phase II as recommended and presented by the engineer.

RESOLUTION TO PLACE THUNDER LANE EXTENSION, DEER CREEK PHASE II INTO THE CERTIFIED ROAD SYSTEM:

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

WHEREAS, Thunder Lane (653 feet, 0.1237 mile), is located within the borders of Deer Creek Subdivision Phase Two, and

WHEREAS, Thunder Lane lies within Section 27 of Watertown Charter Township, and

WHEREAS the Thunder Lane in the Deer Creek Subdivision Phase Two easement was accepted by the Clinton County Board of Road Commissioners on October 10, 2017, for the following described land:

PART OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 27, T5N, R3W, WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP, CLINTON COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 27; THENCE S89°43'16"E ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 27 A DISTANCE OF 1328.61 FEET; THENCE N00°16'44"E 195.00 FEET; THENCE S89°43'16"E 43.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE N00°16'44"E 66.00 FEET; THENCE S89°43'16"E 650.00 FEET; THENCE S04°54'56"E 66.27; THENCE N89°43'16"W 656.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 0.99 ACRE, MORE OR LESS.

THEREFORE BE IT NOW RESOLVED that the Clinton County Road Commissioners wish to place the above described right-of-way known as Thunder Lane into the certified road system of the Clinton County Road Commission.

RESOLUTION TO REQUEST TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM FUNDING:

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

WHEREAS, The Herbison Road Non-Motorized Path has been planned to be constructed during the summer of 2018.

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

WHEREAS, Clinton County will provide matching funding to move forward and commits the funds necessary to carry out the project through 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.

WHEREAS, The City of DeWitt commits to owning, operating and funding/implementing a maintenance plan/program over the design life of the path constructed with TAP funding as well as providing all necessary matching funds to construct the path from Panther Drive to DeWitt 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.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS:

It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to approve Bath Township Contract #017117 and Ovid Township Contract #129037.

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: 193-17 through 226-17.

VOUCHERS AND PAYROLLS:

It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to approve vouchers (#60999 - #61128) and payroll checks (#90453 - #90498 and direct deposit advices) as presented, in the total amount of \$1,243,725.67.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Holt – Attended the Township Officer’s meeting and felt it went well.

Commissioner Watkins – Tri County Regional Planning would like to become more regional in scope and direction and is continuing to address leadership and restructuring issues. Herbison Road residents are very pleased with the Herbison Road project.

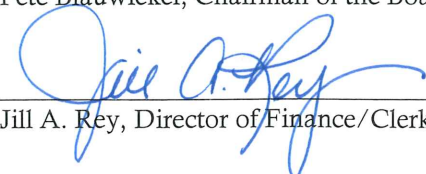
Commissioner Blauwiel – Discussed the issue of dust control in Lyons Township

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m. with the next regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.



Pete Blauwiel, Chairman of the Board



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