

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Clinton was held on Wednesday November 22, 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 and Director of Finance/Clerk Jill Rey

Visitors: John O'Connor, 44North, Vice President/Consultant

MINUTES:

The minutes of the November 9, 2017 regular meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to approve the November 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 regarding potential pension reform. 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:

There was no report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

STAFF REPORTS:

Mrs. Rey reported on the following: 1) Received the capital equipment advance and the 2015 Budget adjustment from MDOT, 2) Invested \$500,000 at Chemical Bank for 31 days @ 1.14%, 3) Final township project billings have gone out, \$624,077.81 due from Townships, 4) Notice of Budget Public Hearing will be published the next 2 Sundays, 5) Preparing OPEB actuarial study, 6) Protection class for liability insurance will be changed to an "A" rating due to proximity of fire hydrants, 7) Had initial meeting on the new phone system and cabling project is still in process, 8) Proposed 2018 Budget Review.

Mr. Pulver reported on the following: 1) Maintenance report, 2) MDOT maintenance report, 3) Clinton County Township Officer's Association meeting, 4) Met with MDOT regarding M-78/Marsh Road, 5) Reminder of CRA meeting in Mt. Pleasant on December 5, 2017.

44NORTH PRESENTATION BY JOHN O'CONNOR:

John O'Connor presented an overview of the services provided by 44North. He explained the impact of PA106 and PA152. He reviewed how the road commission has been able to offer health insurance benefits to its employees by purchasing a high deductible plan and wrap it using a health reimbursement account to offer a higher benefit level and still be able to stay under the hard cap as outlined in PA152.

RESOLUTION FOR MDOT CONTRACT: GROVE ROAD OVER STONY CREEK:

On a motion duly made by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed with 3 ayes, 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 Project BO 1719(013), and

WHEREAS, PART A -Federal and State Participation- of this contract is for: The removal and replacement of the structure #1952, which carries Grove Road over Stony Creek, Sections 25 & 26, T07N, R03W, Bengal Township, Clinton County, Michigan; the reconstruction of the approaches to the structure for approximately 246 feet southerly and 358 feet northerly of the structure; and all together with necessary related work, and

WHEREAS, PART B -No Federal or State Participation- of this contract is for: Contractor staking work along the limits as described in PART A; 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 Pete Blauwiel 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.

WRIGHT ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT:

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

WHEREAS, the Waltz & Sturgis Drain is an established county drain traversing Section 1, 11, 12, & 14 in Dallas Township; and,

WHEREAS, The Clinton County Drain Commission received a petition for certain improvements to the Waltz & Sturgis Drain, and the Order of Necessity of said petition was filed in the Drain Commissioners office on July 10, 2014, and,

WHEREAS, Clinton County Road Commission has requested the assistance of the Clinton County Drain Commissioner in coordinating the replacement of the Wright Road culvert in the Waltz & Sturgis Drain as part of the petition project work; and,

WHEREAS, The Clinton County Drain Commissioner has received bids for the materials, labor, and equipment necessary to complete the culvert replacement; and,

WHEREAS, The Clinton County Drain Commissioner has advised the Clinton County Road Commission contract for construction will be awarded to Roy Pung & Sons and their bid for the culvert and installation was \$24,262.00 and,

WHEREAS, the Waltz & Sturgis Drain Drainage District has provided engineering and other work related to the Wright Road culvert replacement project and will provide construction oversight and inspection at the expense of the Drainage District;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED that the Clinton County Road Commission will pay to the Clinton County Drain Commissioner, by and for the Waltz & Sturgis Drain Drainage District, the total expense to not exceed \$28,000.00 for culvert material and contractor labor costs directly related to the Wright Road culvert replacement and that Joe Pulver, Managing Director and Jill Rey, Clerk of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Clinton County Road Commission.

2018 MEETING DATES:

It was moved by Commissioner Holt, seconded by Commissioner Watkins, and passed unanimously to approve the 2018 Meeting Dates.

APPROVAL OF 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: 264-17 through 273-17.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND PAYROLLS:

It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to approve vouchers (#61261 - #61319 and electronic checks) and payroll checks (#90548 – #90563 and direct deposit advices) as presented, in the total amount of \$396,281.91.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

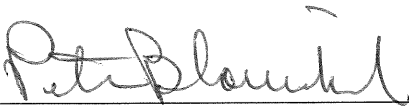
Commissioner Holt – No comments

Commissioner Watkins – Was made aware of a soft spot on Grove Road, North of State. Discussion about the direction of the County regarding non-motorized paths. Reported on a proposed hydrogen fueled high speed rail from Lansing to Detroit.

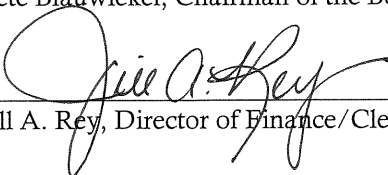
Commissioner Blauwiel – Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m. with the next regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.



Pete Blauwiel, Chairman of the Board



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