

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Clinton was held on Thursday, October 25, 2018 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 and Director of Finance/Clerk Jill Rey

Visitors: None

MINUTES:

The minutes of the October 11, 2018 regular meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to approve the October 11, 2018 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) MDOT Notice of Capital Equipment Advance, 2) Memo from CRA and MTA regarding Township funds used on local roads.

It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to accept the communications as presented.

INFORMATION FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

County Commissioner Washburn was unable to attend the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

STAFF REPORTS:

Mr. Armentrout reported on the following: 1) 2018 Federal Aid projects - Clark Road - completed except for minor clean up, Herbison - still some minor clean up and signal installation, Colony from Scott to Williams - completed, 2) County paving update - Most paving is completed, clean up and paint to be finished, 3) Review of 2019 projects, 4) Coleman Road extension - Resolutions have been passed by Ingham County and the City of East Lansing, bids were taken for engineering design.

Mrs. Rey reported on the following: 1) Review of health insurance for 2019, 2) Further discussion regarding the Nationwide Guaranteed Minimum Interest Rate Change, 3) Beginning 2019 Budget Process, 4) Negotiations, 5) Vacation the week of November 5th.

Mr. Pulver reported on the following: 1) Maintenance, 2) MDOT Maintenance, 3) Traffic Summit, 4) Seven County Council, 5) General Policy Committee Meeting, 6) Road tour with Victor Twp., 7) Public Relations workshop on Friday, 8) 2023 Transportation Improvement Plan with Tri-County, 9) Negotiations.

SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

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

OCTOBER CASH STATUS REPORT:

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

BUDGET AMENDMENT #3:

It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to approve Budget Amendment #3 as presented.

POLICY REVIEW/REVISIONS:

It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to approve the following Policy review/revisions as presented.

Policy #53 - Revised	Policy #89 - Revised
Policy #76 - Revised	Policy #90 - Revised
Policy #77 – Previously Rescinded	Policy #91 - Reviewed
Policy #78 - Revised	Policy #92 - Reviewed
Policy #79 - Revised	Policy #93 - Reviewed
Policy #80 – Previously Rescinded	Policy #94 - Reviewed
Policy #81 - Revised	Policy #95 - Reviewed
Policy #82 – Revised	Policy #96 – Previously Rescinded
Policy #83 - Revised	Policy #97 - Reviewed
Policy #84 - Reviewed	Policy #98 - Reviewed
Policy #85 – Previously Rescinded	Policy #99 - Reviewed
Policy #86 – Previously Rescinded	Policy #100 - Reviewed
Policy #87 - Revised	Policy #142 – Revised
Policy #88 - Reviewed	

AWARD COLEMAN ROAD DESIGN CONTRACT:

It was moved by Commissioner Holt, seconded by Commissioner Watkins, and passed unanimously, to Award the bid for the design of the Coleman Road extension to C2AE for \$168,349.00.

RESOLUTION OF OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 396:

WHEREAS, Roads are the backbone to the social, cultural and economic stability of Clinton County and our region; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 396 (S-5) passed and reported out of the Senate Transportation Committee on September 6, 2018, allows exemptions from seasonal weight restrictions (also known as “frost laws”) to the forest product industry during the spring thaw when roads are the most vulnerable to damage from heavy loads; and

WHEREAS, It is a fact in Clinton County and throughout all Northern states that roads become soft in the spring as frost melts, and applying unrestricted 164,000-pound truck loading and traffic on soft roads, whether paved or unpaved, is poor public policy that defies common sense when it comes to road preservation, and will lead to significant damage to the road system, economic damage in Clinton County and increased risk to drivers in our region; and

WHEREAS, SB-396 also grants exemptions to the forest industry that will allow the hauling of forest products and transport of equipment on the public road system without obtaining proper permits from road authorities at all times of the year; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of SB 396 *will result in costly damage to the public road system which is the opposite of what the Michigan Legislature and the people of Michigan called for in the 2015 Michigan Transportation Package*; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of SB 396 *will negatively impact the traveling public* accessing the road system, burdening road authorities with expensive reactive maintenance repairs and significantly increased taxpayer costs, as well as increased county and township contributions to maintain the public road system; and

WHEREAS, the provisions in SB 396 and subsequent impacts to the local road system will negatively impact the health, safety and welfare of Clinton County residents and the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Road Commission and the other county road agencies work closely with the logging industry to accommodate this valuable contributor to the Michigan economy, while also continuously monitoring road conditions and permitting the logging industry to move equipment and material on roads when the roads can structurally support such loading without negatively impacting the road system and the traveling public;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton County Road Commission hereby **strongly opposes** SB 396 (S-5); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a vote hereon be taken by aye and nay and spread at large on the minutes of the Board.

Motion passed by roll call vote: Blauwiel Aye - Holt Aye- Watkins Aye

ACCEPT ROADWAY EASEMENT, PRESIDENTS WAY, LAKESIDE PRESERVE LLC:

It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to accept and sign the roadway easement for Presidents Way, Lakeside Preserve.

ACCEPT ROAD CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT FOR PRESIDENTS WAY:

It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commission Holt, and pass unanimously, to accept and sign the Road Construction Agreement for the construction of Presidents Way.

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT PRESIDENTS WAY, LAKESIDE PRESERVE FOR MAINTENANCE:

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, Presidents Way (1126 feet), is located within the borders of Lakeside Preserve, and

WHEREAS, Presidents Way lies within Section 12 of Watertown Charter Township, and

WHEREAS, the Roadway Easement for Presidents Way was accepted and signed by the Clinton County Board of Road Commissioners on October 25, 2018, and

WHEREAS, the Road Construction Agreement which includes the construction of Presidents Way was signed by the Clinton County Board of Road Commissioners on October 25, 2018,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Clinton County Road Commissioners wish to place Presidents Way into the certified road system of the Clinton County Road Commission.

AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE FEDERAL AID FROM ARENAC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION:

It was moved by Commissioner Holt, seconded by Commissioner Watkins, and passed unanimously, to approve and sign the Agreement Covering the Transfer of Federal Aid Funds in Exchange for Non-Federal Transportation Dollars with Arenac County Road Commission in the amount of \$304,451.20.

SUSPENSION OF WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS – WINTER OPERATIONS:

It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to approve the Suspension of Weight Restrictions-Winter Operations for Clinton County Road Commission vehicles.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS:

There were no contracts to be approved.

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: 224-18 through 236-18.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS AND PAYROLLS:

It was moved by Commissioner Holt, seconded by Commissioner Watkins, and passed unanimously, to approve vouchers (#62528 - #62588 and electronic checks) and payroll checks (#90936 – #90952 and direct deposit advices) as presented, in the total amount of \$418,882.31.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Holt – none

Commissioner Watkins – Tri County update regarding new Executive Director. Received a compliment on Grange Road and Colony Road. Residents are pleased with the work that has been done on the roads this year.

Commissioner Blauwikel – Commented that the County Road Association is moving out of Michigan County Road Commission Self Insurance Pool office building. Pulver noted that CRA's new location is closer to the Capitol building.

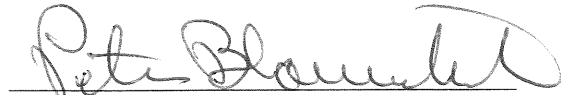
EXECUTIVE SESSION - NEGOTIATING

It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiating strategy.

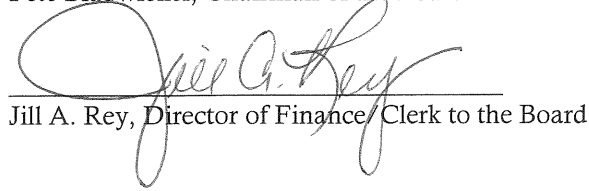
It was moved by Commissioner Watkins, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and passed unanimously, to reconvene the regular board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m. with the next regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.



Pete Blauwiel, Chairman of the Board



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