

July 11, 2018

The Board of County Road Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. for a regular meeting at 1250 S. M-33 West Branch, Michigan

Members present: Chairman Van Sheltroun, Commissioner Mark Williams, Commission Dan Winter, Managing Director Pat Reinke and Board Clerk Brand Curtis

Guests: Bill Sperow, State/Construction Foreman; Gary Kaiser, County Foreman; Steve Johnson, Klacking Township Resident

Additions:       Gallagher Road Paving-2018  
                    PA 97 of 2018  
                    Dust Control Equipment Quotes  
                    Fournier Road Ditching

Motion to approve the additions to the agenda by Williams, supported by Winter. Motion carried.

Commissioner Sheltroun called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Past minutes for June 27, 2018, were reviewed. There being no corrections, the minutes stand as submitted.

Motion by Winter, supported by Williams, to approve and pay payroll voucher #1840 and payable voucher #1841 in the total amount of \$309,290.15. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Sheltroun, Winter, Williams. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reinke reviewed easement information obtained from the Ogemaw County Register of Deeds in regards to the abandonment request of Seasonal Road 94 in Section 11 of Klacking Township. Public comment was received. Reinke will contact Ogemaw County Title requesting an estimate for services, researching right of way easements along the segment of Seasonal Road 94 in Section 11 of Klacking Township, and report back to Board. Mr. Johnson requested a "Road Ends" sign. Sperow will follow up.

Reinke updated the Board on lawyer correspondence received regarding Birch Point Drive drainage easement abandonment request and information obtained from the resident. Resident will contact lawyer to draft easement documents. Reinke will follow up.

Reinke reviewed lawyer correspondence received regarding the certification and maintenance of Ogemaw Road in the Plat of Island Lake Resort, Hill Township. The Board was in concurrence in requesting the property owners within the plat unite and amend the plat in order to dedicate the road from a private to a public road. Reinke will follow up.

Reinke informed the Board correspondence was received from the State of Michigan Department of Treasury stating the waiver application for Municipal Employees Retirement System was approved and Road Commission OPEB waiver application was denied. A corrective action plan must be submitted to the Department of Treasury within 180 days of notification of the waiver denial. Motion by Sheltroun, supported by Williams, to delay corrective action plan until October 31, 2017, board meeting. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Williams, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the MERS recommended additional contribution of \$311,770 that is needed to bring the funding level to the required minimum of 60%. The Road Commission's current funded ratio as calculated by MERS as of 12/31/17 is 57%. Motion by Winter, supported by Williams, to make an additional contribution of \$320,000 to the employer liability of MERS retirement plan with \$200,000 towards non-union and \$120,000 union and to continue with the flat employer monthly contribution to MERS in the amount of \$40,000 versus recommended smoothing as suggested by MERS. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Sheltroun, Williams. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A township agreement was received from Churchill Township for the paving of Gallagher Road at an estimated cost of

\$89,000, the Township's portion is estimated at \$66,750. Motion by Williams, supported by Winter to approve and sign contract. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Williams, Winter, Sheltroun. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Reinke informed Board of correspondence from MCRSCIP regarding Public Act 97 that took effect July 1, 2018, and client memo. Reinke will review permit fees, fines, and resolutions and follow up with Board.

A discussion was held on dust control equipment. Motion by Williams, supported by Winter, to authorize the purchase of tank through Fertilizer Dealer Supply for an estimated cost of \$9,000 and plumbing, Honda engine, ground control speed kit, and remote through Truck and Trailer for an estimated cost of \$12,000. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Winter, Sheltroun, Williams. Nays: None. Motion carried.

As a follow up from last meeting, Reinke reviewed MDOT sign policy and sign program with the Board.

Reinke informed the Board Kevin Elliot with Diebold Agency had provided projected costs on various health care options to consider for upcoming union negotiations. Mr. Elliot will contact the Road Commission when 2019 rates are received.

Commissioner Winter advised the Board Dennis Stephens, Edwards Township Clerk, had contacted him regarding ditching on Fournier Road near Kartes farm. Reinke informed the Board this topic has been in discussion since 2013. Reinke reviewed MDEQ requirements and the drainage issue. Sperow advised on actions that needed to be taken in order to correct the current issue of pooling water, culvert replacement, and numerous discussions he has had with Mr. Stephens. The Board was in concurrence to authorize Manager to submit letter to Edwards Township Board informing them any future projects must be approved by their Board and their request letter submitted to the Road Commission.

The next East Central Council meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2018, Midland. Reinke will attend.

MERS 2018 Annual Conference on Retirement is scheduled for October 4-5<sup>th</sup>, Grand Rapids.

The next MTA meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2018, Foster Township. Winter will attend.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Van Sheltroun, Chairman

Countersigned: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brandy Curtis, Board Clerk