

REGULAR MEETING

February 14, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners for the County of Isabella was held in their offices at 2261 E. Remus Road, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, on February 14, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Graham and Members present were Turnwald, Beltinck, Graham, Busch, and Curtiss. Absent: None

Motion by Turnwald, seconded by Beltinck to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Curtiss, seconded by Turnwald to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on January 29, 2019 as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Busch, seconded by Turnwald to ask the Chairman to call for a roll call vote to approve the 1 Voucher issued in the amount of \$142,933.32 and 1 Payroll Voucher issued in the amount of \$95,853.25 and the County Treasurer is authorized to transfer funds for same. Commissioner Turnwald, Yes; Graham, Yes; Curtiss, Yes; Beltinck, Yes; and Busch, Yes.

Correspondence: N/A

Public comment: George Green, Chairman of the Isabella County Board of Commissioners and resident of Nottawa Township, was at the meeting to ask the Board to look into current process of how seismic graph permits are issued. He would like the companies who are doing the seismic graph permits to contact the land owners. He's concerned that if the landowner does not have a lease with the private company, then the landowner cannot be informed. Daniel Priebe, Motor Carrier Office for the State of Michigan Department of State Police, attended the board meeting in order to introduce himself to the ICRC board. He has been assigned to the Isabella & Clare County area and will be working with our current Weighmaster to patrol the area.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

Motion by Turnwald, seconded by Bush to accept the following seasonal proposals based on Price and Availability:

a.	Proposal#	2019-11	- Equipment Rental
b.	Proposal#	2019-12	- Steel Beam Guard Rail & Posts
c.	Proposal#	2019-14	- Grader Blades
d.	Proposal#	2019-15	- Sign Material & Galvanized Steel Post
e.	Proposal#	2019-16	- Pavement Markings **carry over** NO BID
f.	Proposal#	2019-17	- Miscellaneous Aggregates
g.	Proposal#	2019-18	- Trucking by the Ton
h.	Proposal#	2019-19	- Tire Service & Repair
i.	Proposal#	2019-20	- Galvanized Corrugated Metal Pipe
j.	Proposal#	2019-24	- Smooth Interior Plastic
k.	Proposal#	2019-25	- General & Specific Bituminous Paving Needs

Commissioner Graham, Yes; Curtiss, Yes; Beltinck, Yes; Turnwald, Yes; and Busch, Yes.

A discussion was held on the Seismic Permits. The ICRC will be holding all seismic permits. The Michigan County Road Commission Self Insurance Pool is actually having their legal team look into this manner. ICRC will not be approving any permits until the Insurance Pools legal department gives their recommendations.

The Finance Director reviewed the bi-weekly financial report for the period ending February 21, 2019.

The Finance Director updated the Commissioners on the changes on the AR – Open Aging Summary Report. The Road Commission received the December Interest of \$484.69 and \$11,450.12 in Investment interest. The Finance Director informed the Commissioners that the MTF funds for December 2018 was down 16.37% (Decrease of \$95,449) from December of 2017. The Finance Director informed the board that she has set up a meeting with Bryce Baker (Oxford Permits) on March 11, 2019. He will be doing a demo presentation on how to stream line our permits. The Finance Director informed the Commissioners that she will be working on the Township Presentations in the next couple of weeks. The Finance Director also updated the Commissioners on the progress with working with Mark McDonald at CMU to potential hire a student part time to start scanning documents. IT Right will be here to install the new server and program on February 26th.

The Superintendent gave the following report:

- Started at 5:00 am = 8 days
- Worked till 5:30 pm = 4 days
- Worked Saturday = 2 days
- All night = 1
- Good thru Monday 2-11-19
- Ice storm

Pat Kenny, Matt Mester, and I worked all night with lots of trees during the night and the next day (close to 3 dozen)

- Another 400 ton of salt coming which will make 2050 ton so far this year!

The Manger informed the Board that there is only \$200,000 left in the current snow budget. The ICRC has already gone through \$940,000 during the winter months. The Manger announced that the Midland County Road Commission was kind enough to contact the salt supplier and make a deal that Midland County Road Commission would give up 400 tons of their availability to ICRC. The Finance Director had made contact with 3 of the 4 big salt suppliers and none of them was able to sell ICRC anymore salt. So without the help from Midland County Road Commission, ICRC would be out of salt. Management indicated that we should be looking into building a larger salt building so this doesn't happen again. The Manager informed the Board that he meet with the Managers of 22 of the 83 other road commissions. A discussion was held on how MDOT seems to be getting 1st in line for all the bids in Lansing. So far for the 2019 season MDOT has 264 contracts bid out while the other 83 County Road Commissions only have 94 contracts bid out. If a road commission doesn't get their contracts bid out at the 1st part of the year, it could have a major effect on the cost from the contractors and timing to build the projects out. The Manager informed the Commissioners that he along with a few of his staff members had a very nice meeting with Daniel Priebe (new MSP Motor Carrier) on Wednesday. A discussion was held on the Senate Bill 396. The Senate Bill 396 is not dead. The bill would permit loggers to run like farmers. The Manager informed the Commissioners that flashing, rotating, or oscillating amber or green lights shall be used by a state, county, or municipal vehicle engaged in the removal of ice, snow, or other material from the highway and in other operations designed to control ice and snow, or engaged in other non-winter operations. This means only if the road commission contracts out snow removal with a private company, then they are allowed to use the green flashing lights. The Manager informed the Commissioners that the Operating Engineers Local 324 has not come to an agreement with the Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association. The Okemos-based MITA represents 530 construction companies across the state. Failure to reach a new deal eventually could bring all work to a screeching halt again like it did last summer.

Committee Reports: Commissioner Graham informed the Board that he was very disappointed on how the zoning meeting went with Union Township. He said that he felt since ICRC was here before the zoning ever was, the Union Township should not be giving the road commission (an essential unit of government) such a hard time with the zoning. The ICRC basically cannot do anything for another 51 days after the ZBA meets again to approve their last minutes. Commissioner Graham also noted that he received a thank you from a staff member of the Nottawa/Sherman Fire Department. The individual said the ICRC employees did a great job responding to an assistance call from the Nottawa/Sherman Fire Department. Commissioner Graham explained that he and the Manager also were working with the schools to have the roads passable for school during the last major snow storm.

Motion by Beltinck, seconded by Curtiss to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.