

REGULAR MEETING

June 11, 2020

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 June 11, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Graham and Members present were Turnwald, Busch, Curtiss, and Graham. Absent: Beltinck

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

Motion by Turnwald, seconded by Busch to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on May 28, 2020 as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Curtiss, seconded by Turnwald to ask the Chairman to call for a roll call vote to approve the 1 Voucher issued in the amount of \$662,678.71 and 1 Payroll Vouchers issued in the amount of \$74,134.87 and the County Treasurer is authorized to transfer funds for same. Commissioner Curtiss, Yes; Turnwald, Yes; Busch, Yes; and Graham, Yes.

Correspondence: N/A

Public comment: Bill Hauck, Union Township Trustee, thanked the Road Commission employees for all their hard work. He said between the wind turbines, trees being down, and flooding; the Road Commission has done a great job on keeping the roads in good shape. He explained that he was sorry on behalf of his township for the unjustified comments that were made.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

Motion by Busch, seconded by Curtiss to change the fourth Thursday Board Meetings for the rest of the year from 6:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Ayes: All. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Busch, seconded by Turnwald to approve the closing of the office on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day. Ayes: All. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Curtiss, seconded by Busch to authorize the chairman to sign the Certificate of Appreciation for Chris Straus for his 24 years 3 months of service. Ayes: All. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Turnwald, seconded by Busch to vote for Alan Cooper and Brian Gutowski for the Northern candidates of the Michigan County Road Commission Board of Directors. Ayes: All. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Busch, seconded by Turnwald to vote for Lester Livermore and Geoff Moffat for the two At-Large candidates of the Michigan County Road Commission Board of Directors. Ayes: All. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Turnwald, seconded by Busch to authorize the Board Members to adopt the COVID-19 Preparedness and response plan, daily screening protocol, and required daily screening questionnaire for as long as the governor deems necessary. Ayes: All. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Finance Director reviewed the bi-weekly financial report for the period ending June 11, 2020. The Finance Director updated the Commissioners on the changes on the AR – Open Aging Summary Report. The Finance Director informed the Commissioners the MTF funds to date decreased for the month is 12.65% (Decrease of \$73,800). The Finance Director informed the Commissioners that a journal entry was done to move the \$6,375.00 collected for bond escrows back into the cash account from the escrow account. The \$116,607.80 paid out of the General Fund to JBS Contracting was taken out of the Building Bond Account and put back into the General Fund.

The Superintendent gave the following report:

- Approximately 16,000 ton of gravel to Isabella Wind so far
- Approximately 6 townships left to chloride
- Finished Pine River Wind in Coe Twp graveling 2,100 ton
- Mowers are moving right a long
- Twp gravel program
 - 43 miles
 - 43,000 ton of gravel
 - working out some bugs
- Wise Road from Walton to Millbrook has been paved.
- Hoping that the 2 miles of Pickard Road (Vandecar to Meridian) will be paved next week.

The Drainage Forman gave the following report:

- 5/27 Permits for driveways
- 6/1 Tube on Weidman BTW: Whiteville & Lincoln Rd
 - 1 – 24x20
 - 1 – 18x50
- 6/2 Pickard Rd BTW: Meridian & Nottawa Rd
- 6/3 Nottawa North of Pickard tube & ditching
- 6/4 Nottawa South of Pickard big Tube
- 6/8 Pickard West of Nottawa Tube & Spillway on Mission & Denver Rd
 - -Culverts in Gilmore Twp on Ridge Rd
 - -Culverts in Nottawa Twp on Vandecar BTW: Rosebush & Denver Rd
- 6/9 Culvert in Nottawa Twp on Vandecar

- -Culvert Coldwater Twp on Brinton North of Coleman Rd
- 6/10 Culvert Lincoln Twp on Meridian North of Blanchard Rd

The Shop Foreman gave the following report:

- The two new Peterbilt trucks could possibly be in next month
- The shop has not had a hard time getting any parts in. Usually the parts come the next day.

The Manager gave an update on the 2020 road projects. The Manager gave an update on the new building project. He has been in many meetings dealing with problems with fencing, permits, grading, and sewer lines easements. He and the office staff has also been busy picking out many items for the building like blocks, window sills, paint, tile, carpet, and many more items. The Manager once again wanted to explain how impressed he was with the Isabella Corporation for the work that they have done on the M-20 entrance. He said even the employees of the Isabella Corporation were easy to work with. The Manager explained that he stopped and saw James Greene who lived at 25 N. Lincoln Road. A discussion was held on the removing of a tree at the northwest corner of Baseline and Lincoln Road due to site issues. Mr. Green gave the Isabella County Road Commission permission to remove the tree. In return the Isabella County Road Commission would remove not only the tree but the stump and restore the disturbed area with topsoil, seed, and mulch. The Isabella County Road Commission is very appreciative on the cooperation that they have received from Mr. Greene.

Committee Reports: Commissioner Busch thanked the Isabella County Road Commission staff on behalf of the Isabella County Parks and Recreation for fixing the Meridian Park drive. Commissioner Turnwald asked the Superintendent on when the graveling projects would start. The Superintendent said that they are hoping the gravel projects will be starting the first of July. Commissioner Turnwald inquired on a parking violation that Browning Milling Company received on 6/4/2020. The Manager explained that he did not know, however someone from ICRC would ask the Weighmaster the next time he was in the office.

Motion by Curtiss, seconded by Busch to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 a.m. Ayes: All. Nays: none. Motion carried.