

REGULAR MEETING

November 10, 2016

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 November 10, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

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

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

Motion by Beltinck, seconded by Turnwald to approve the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on October 27, 2016 with the correction in spelling of Tyson to "Theisen". Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Graham, seconded by Turnwald, to ask the Chairman to call for a roll call vote to approve the Master Vouchers for November 3, 2016 issued in the amount totaling \$92,006.09 and Payroll Vouchers issued in the amount of \$107,774.74 and the County Treasurer is authorized to transfer funds for same. Commissioner Graham, Yes; Turnwald, Yes; Beltinck, Yes; Curtiss, Yes; and Livermore, Yes.

Correspondence: N/A

Public comment: Russ Alwood, Supervisor with Union Township, expressed his appreciation of the great team work between Union Township and the Isabella County Road Commission throughout his past 4 year term. He said that he enjoyed working with everyone and he is sad to go. Russ Alwood explained that he left a list of all road projects that he hoped to complete in the next 4 year term. The number one project was to pave the 2 miles of Deerfield Road since the Limestone roads are so costly to maintain. Vince Stark, Supervisor with Gilmore Township, expressed his appreciation of all of Russ Alwood's hard work. Vince also congratulated Commissioner Beltinck, Graham, and Turnwald for their re-election.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

The Finance Director reviewed the bi-weekly financial report for the period ending November 3, 2016. The Finance Director informed the Commissioners the MTF funds to date increase for the new year is 2.77% (Increase of \$148,244). The Finance Director updated the Commissioners on the changes on the AR – Open Aging Summary Report. The Finance Director informed the Board that she had the final Health Insurance Premiums back for the 2017 insurance year and the rates had decreased considerably for the employees.

The Superintendent gave the following report:

- Congrats to John, Terry & Kelly ☺
- Preparing for winter – trucks, tanks, salt & sand
- Patching black top when we aren't able to scrape
- Good luck hunting!!

The Manager updated the Commissioners on the 2016 Construction Project Updates. The Manager also gave an update on the projected 2017 Construction Projects. The Manager informed the Commissioners that the ICRC Engineer is working with Jeff Silagy from the DEQ on the easement of our wetland conservation land. The Manager informed the board that ICRC Engineer also has been in contact with the MDOT Traffic Signals Unit about guidance on consistent application of flashing beacons (solor stop lights). The following was their recommendation:

“Flashing beacons used in conjunction with sign messages are useful in attracting a driver’s attention in unusual situations (e.g., where a driver may not be expecting a warning or regulation, or where special emphasis is required). Most traffic engineers are concerned that extensive use of flashing beacons will reduce their overall effectiveness. “Any Request for solor lights will need to be approved by the County Road Engineer on staff.

Committee Reports: Commissioner Graham informed the Board that Isabella County Parks and Recreation wants to build a 3.1 million dollar lodge at Deerfield Park for weddings. Commissioner Livermore inquired on the plat situation in Coldwater Park that the Isabella County Road Commission owns. The ICRC Manager told the Commissioners that he hasn't heard anything from the Parks and Recreation Director.

Motion by Turnwald, seconded by Curtiss to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 a.m.
Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.