

CLARE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Clare County, Michigan, hereinafter referred to as the Board, held at its office at 3900 East Mannsiding Road, Harrison, Michigan on January 16, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Richard Haynak with Commissioners Eddy Garver and Michael Duggan in attendance. Staff present was Ron Bushong, Manager; Kim Kimmel, Finance Director; and John Krchmar, Road Maintenance Supervisor.

Pledge of Allegiance

Guest present were Jack Kleinhardt, Traffic Safety Supervisor; Dan Dysinger, Grant Township Supervisor; John Koch, Village of Farwell; Thomas Pirnstill, Clare County Transit; and Steve Schunk, Northern Logistics.

The minutes of the January 4, 2013 regular Board meeting were read and approved as read.

The fund balance report was presented and discussed and bills were reviewed. On a motion by Commissioner Duggan, seconded by Commissioner Garver and carried unanimously, it was moved to approve for payment payroll ending 01/16/2013 (checks 49629-49655), check for FICA, and AP checks 65090 thru 65128 totaling \$110299.13.

Dan Dysinger, Grant Township Supervisor, met with the Board to discuss adopting a truck ordinance. It was the consensus of the Board that before making any commitment further investigation is needed. Dan Dysinger will also be sending a letter to the road commission regarding a right-of-way issue on Lorraine Drive.

A 9:30 a.m. the Federal/State Aid (Transportation Improvement Plan TIP) public hearing for 2013-2016 was held. Present were Clare County Local Task Force members Ron Bushong, Clare County Road Commission, Tom Pirnstill, Clare County Transit; John Koch, Village of Farwell; Brandon Wilcox, MDOT Planning and Sue Fortune, East Michigan Council of Governments. Also present were Steve Schunk, Northern Logistics; John Krchmar, Clare County Road Commission; Dan Dysinger, Grant Township Supervisor; Dennis Zimmerman, Lincoln Township Supervisor and Mark Hammer, Winterfield Township Supervisor.

Manager Ronald Bushong explained the funding procedure for the Task Force and gave an overview of the projects.

Brandon Wilcox, MDOT Planning, said the Federal STP funds and Federal D funds have been combined and that proposed routes may qualify. He also stated that Transit must specify what their funding for 2016-2017 will be used for.

Steve Schunk, Northern Logistics, questioned if traffic volume made a difference on the projects.

John Krchmar, CCRC road maintenance supervisor, noted that Arnold Lake Road has a heavier traffic volume than Clare Avenue.

Tom Pirstill, Clare County Transit, stated they have not had an increase in their capital and operating expense in 5 years. Their task force funding for 2014 will be used for computers and 2015 task force funding will be used for facility maintenance.

Dan Dysinger, Grant Township Supervisor, noted that he is opposed to the current formula for funding.

There being no other public comments, the 2013-2016 TIP was approved by consensus and the public hearing concluded at 10:08 a.m.

Manager Ron Bushong discussed the Engineer-Tech position and suggested changing benefits for newly hired administrative employees.

On a motion by Commissioner Duggan, seconded by Commissioner Garver and carried it was moved to authorize Commissioner Richard Haynak to sign weighmaster contract with the Clare County Sheriff Department.

Dennis Zimmerman, Lincoln Township Supervisor, discussed local match money with the Board.

Mark Hammer, Winterfield Township Supervisor, stated the roads are the township's responsibility and if possible use mileage money for the roads and do not keep in a savings account.

Manager Ron Bushong discussed changing local blacktop roads from designated to non-designated and putting a restriction on gravel roads during frost laws to better monitor truck activity.

There will be a workshop on January 30, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss benefits for future employees.

There will be an administrative MERS meeting on January 21, 2013 to discuss benefit changes for future employees.

After discussion, the Board authorized Manager Ron Bushong to purchase a boom mower tractor from MiDeal and to advertise for a boom tractor assembly. The Winter Maintenance Policy has been published in the Clare County Cleaver and The Review.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Kathy Duynslager, Board Secretary

Richard F. Haynak, Chair