

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 August 7, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner Richard Haynak.

Commissioners present: Timothy Haskin, Richard Haynak and Karen Hulliberger.

Commissioners absent: none.

Staff present: Kimberly Jones, Finance Director/Board Secretary; Al Leonard, Engineer-Tech/Co-Manager; Aric McNeilly, Road Maintenance Foreman/Co-Manager and David Bondie, Asst. Road Maintenance Foreman.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests present: Dan Dysinger, Grant Township Supervisor; Valerie Kusiak, Hayes Township resident; Mike Haley, Hayes Township Trustee; Pat Adams, Hayes Township resident; Attorney David Busscher, Henn Lesperance; Lavonn Mahar, Hayes Township resident; David Hoefling, Clare County Board of Commissioner (6th District); Christopher Hoefling, Frost Township resident; Stacie Wilhelm, SD Consulting.

Changes to the agenda: Move staff reports after Old Business #1.

The minutes of the July 17, 2019 regular meeting were read and approved as read.

The fund balance report was presented and discussed. On a motion by Commissioner Haynak, seconded by Commissioner Hulliberger and approved unanimously, it was moved to approve payments for: Payroll, FICA, PE 7/14, 7/28, (53029-53042), AP (72624-72678) and HRA totaling \$420,160.33.

Lavonn Mahar, Hayes Township resident, discussed the following: Concerns with Mostetler Road and Mostetler Bridge in Hayes Township and traffic studies in the same areas. Aric McNeilly, Road Maintenance Foreman/Co-Manager will follow up with Ms. Mahar.

Valerie Kusiak, Hayes Township resident, discussed the following: Logging concerns; completion date on two bridges over 127; traffic studies and working with Hayes Township on intersection issues/concerns.

Pat Adams, Hayes Township resident, said thank you and great job to the crew members, Aric McNeilly, Al Leonard and Stacie Wilhelm; and residents from Cranberry Lk. Sub seem very happy with maintenance.

Dan Dysinger, Grant Township Supervisor, discussed the following: Rieth-Riley and the current strike and his concerns with completion or push back of township projects; Dover milling issues and positive comments received from the residents at the west end of 5 Lakes.

The Managing Director position, posting and advertising was discussed. On a motion Commissioner Haskin, seconded by Commissioner Hulliberger and approved unanimously, it was moved to extend the job posting from August 5th to August 12th and advertise in extended surrounding areas as well as online.

Dave Bondie, Assistant Road Maintenance Foreman, gave an updated road maintenance report: currently working on normal maintenance, mowing, brining in Hayes and Grant Townships and brush spray program will be starting soon.

Aric McNeilly, Road Maintenance Foreman/Co-Manager, gave an updated road maintenance report stating the Dozer that was approved has been picked up and the minor repairs will be completed; major maintenance in Arthur Township is completed; various washouts and culvert failures are being completed throughout the county; the pavement completion for the culverts will be outsourced; maintenance blading is in progress and excavating will begin for 2019 approved gravel projects.

Commissioner Haynak stated that he received many calls and thank you(s) from happy residents. He also received a call regarding a culvert issue near N. Shore Dr and asked Foreman to follow-up on the issue.

Commissioner Hulliberger asked if anyone had received a call from a specific resident as this person stated he hasn't received a call back. No one on the Administrative team had received a call. Commissioner Hulliberger will phone him back. She also requested to please follow-up on any concerns in Frost Township.

Al Leonard, Engineer-Tech/Co-Manager, gave an updated report regarding paving projects and millings and how the strike with Reith-Riley has affected our construction season (13.5 miles paving/projects).

On a motion by Commissioner Haynak, seconded by Commissioner Hulliberger and approved unanimously, it was moved to go into closed session at 9:36 a.m. as permitted under Section 8(h) of the Open Meeting Act (OMA), to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute.

Roll call vote. Tim Haskin, Yes; Richard Haynak, Yes; Karen Hulliberger, Yes.

The Board came out of closed session at 10:14 a.m

On a motion by Commissioner Haskin, seconded by Commissioner Haynak and approved unanimously, it was moved to approve the recommendation of the counsel stated in the legal opinion letter discussed in closed session.

On a motion by Commissioner Haynak, seconded by Commissioner Hulliberger and approved unanimously, it was moved to vote for the 3 incumbents for the CRASIF Board of Trustee positions: John Hunt, Mary Sholander, Jerry Smigelski.

Commissioner Haskin discussed concerns with Cedar Road near Arthur Township hall and the clearing project from last year. The Road Foremen and Engineer-Tech stated the contractor had completed the project and the project/completion was satisfactory with the Township. Any further cleanup requested would have to be completed by the Road Commission

The Commissioners stated the following township meetings will be attended: Commissioner Hulliberger – Frost and Hamilton; Commissioner Haskin – Grant and Commissioner Haynak – Surrey.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.