

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 September 4, 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: Pat Adams, Hayes Township resident; Mark Fitzpatrick, Clare County Board of Commissioners (5th District); Mike Haley, Hayes Township Trustee; David Hoefling, Clare County Board of Commissioners (6th District), Dianne Alward-Biery, Clare County Cleaver.

The minutes of the August 21, 2019 regular meeting and August 21, 2019 closed 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, PE 8/11, 8/25 (53043-53061); AP (72726 reissue, 72727-72775), MERS and HRA totaling \$553,225.70.

Pat Adams, Hayes Township resident, discussed the previous washouts and road issues reported. He thanked the Foreman as everything was taken care of. Mr. Adams talked with Aric McNeilly, Road Maintenance Foreman/Co-Manager, about current road issues and Aric will review current issues.

Mike Haley, Hayes Township Trustee, asked the following questions: Will there be township match money in 2020? Board replied, yes. Has paving strike affected projects? Board and staff replied, yes. Will a commissioner be at the next Hayes Township meeting? Commissioner Haskin, replied yes. Has there been work on Mostetler: shouldering, widening and/or overlay? Board and staff replied, not to our knowledge.

Retirement Waiver Application (OPEB) was discussed (per PA202 of 2017) and it was noted that we received approval from MDOT for FY18.

During the August 21, 2019 Board meeting it was decided that 5 out of 11 applicants would be interviewed. The correct number of applicants should have been 6 not 5. Noting correction for minutes. Interview questions reviewed by Board, acceptable and no changes requested.

Agenda Item - Old Business #3. Closed session – Negotiations: will be moved under Commissioner Reports.

MCRCSIP 2019 Liability Refund was discussed and we are receiving a refund of \$42,612.00

Reminder that the safety meeting is Thursday, September 12th.

Dave Bondie, Asst. Road Maintenance Foreman, gave an updated road maintenance report and discussed the following: brining, ditching on Surrey Road, routine maintenance, and trimming throughout the county.

Aric McNeilly, Road Maintenance Foreman/Co-Manager, gave an updated road maintenance report; including ditching and discussion regarding a primary road plan.

Al Leonard, Engineer-Tech/Co-Manager, gave an updated report regarding Oxcart (new online permit system), Mi Bridge system and the bridge inspection audit; EGLE audit (formerly DEQ – Environment, Great Lakes and Energy) soil erosion, EGLE October visit and a review of our files; line striping; RTF/LTF update; Rieth-Riley strike still in effect.

Commissioner Haskin discussed the following: with the paving delays, will chip and fog be planned for 2020 and can all the bridge approaches that have been milled and delayed due to strike be fixed by winter? Al Leonard, Engineer-Tech/Co-Manager, comment yes to all.

On a motion by Commissioner Haynak, seconded by Commissioner Haskin and approved unanimously, it was moved to go into closed session at 9:34 a.m. as permitted under Section 8(c) of the Open Meeting Act (OMA), for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement. Roll call vote. Tim Haskin, Yes; Richard Hayank, Yes; Karen Hulliberger, Yes.

The Board came out of closed session at 10:19 a.m

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Kimberly Jones, Finance Director/Board Secretary

Richard Haynak, Chairman