

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 October 22, 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 and David Bondie, Asst. Road Maintenance Foreman.

Guests present: Marion Coon, Frost Township Supervisor and Bill Coon, Frost Township resident; Mike Hogan, Frost Township resident and Virginia Hogan, Frost Township Treasurer; Ken and Peggy Duff, Frost Township residents; Al Housler, Freeman Township Supervisor; Terry Acton, Hayes Township Supervisor and Dan Dysinger, Grant Township Supervisor.

Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the September 27, 2019 special meeting were read and approved as read.

The fund balance report was presented and discussed. On a motion by Commissioner Hulliberger, seconded by Commissioner Haskin and approved unanimously, it was moved to approve payments for: Payroll, PE 9/22, 10/6 (53080, 53081-53089); AP (72855-72925), MERS and HRA totaling \$453,026.39.

Dan Dysinger, Grant Township Supervisor, discussed the following: thanked staff for work completed in Grant Township. Township ordinance regarding weight limits were discussed. Seismic crews are traveling in Grant Township and other areas increasing truck traffic and may cause damage to the roads due to heavy loads. Grant Township will be looking into road bonding.

Terry Acton, Hayes Township Supervisor, discussed the following: gravel pit on Mostetler has been tabled due to the funds were not approved, planning commission didn't approve and zoning ordinance issues. Discussing road improvements on Mostetler and Larch in 2020.

Mike Hogan, Frost Township resident, discussed concerns on dead end of Pierce, wash out(s) on Wilson and Cornwell and standing water on roads. He also discussed road maintenance concerns.

Peggy Duff, Frost Township resident, discussed maintenance, water and drainage concerns on Wilson and Polk. Al Leonard, Engineer-Tech/Co-Manager, was requested to inspect/review the Frost Township issues.

Al Housler, Freeman Township Supervisor, discussed 2020 projects and the status of the experimental project on Ashard/115 east. Al Leonard, Engineer-Tech/Co-Manager, replied with the following information: discussing 2020 Freeman Limestone projects and 26 miles of county-wide chip seal and the possibility of 15 additional chip seal miles.

Marion Coon, Frost Township Supervisor, asked for clarification on the gravel projects and priority status. Commissioner Haskin commented that the projects will keep moving forward in line and priority 1-4.

Managing Director position discussed.

Commissioner Haynak's recommendation: Dewayne Rogers.

Commissioner Haynak commented: Dewayne has worked for Surveying Solutions and MDOT; he had a good resume and felt he was the best fit for CCRC.

Commissioner Haskin's recommendation: Aric McNeilly.

Commissioner Haskin commented: Aric lives in the county, drives our roads and is involved. Aric has completed all the tasks requested of him and excelled. He also stated that he would like our Manager to live in our county as it would be hard for them to attend evening meetings, etc.

Commissioner Haynak commented: He didn't like that Aric hired current employees without a CDL.

Commissioner Haskin asked Dave Bondie, Asst. Road Maintenance Foreman, if all employees had obtained their CDL's. Dave replied, yes.

Commissioner Hulliberger's recommendation: Dewayne Rogers.

Commissioner Hulliberger commented: Dewayne was level headed during his interviews, has certifications and was very confident.

On a motion by Commissioner Haynak, seconded by Commissioner Hulliberger, Commissioner Haskin voted no; motion carried 2 yes, 1 no; it was approved to make an official employment offer to Dewayne Rogers. Kimberly Jones, Finance Director/Board Secretary, will contact Mr. Rogers to request his attendance at our next regular Board meeting November 6th at 9:00 a.m. and also send him our current employee benefit/wage information.

Vandecar/Mill Creek Bridge project was discussed. Board was updated on the possibility of receiving both FY2020 and FY2021 funding all in FY2020. This would relieve the requirement of advance construct with conversion of funds in FY2021. It was a consensus of the Board to proceed with the Vandecar/Mill Creek Bridge project.

Non-Hazardous Materials (transport and disposal) bids were reviewed. One bid was received from Northern A-1. Bid will not be awarded at this time. Asst. Road Foreman Bondie is waiting for more detailed information.

On a motion by Commissioner Haskin, seconded by Commissioner Hulliberger and approved unanimously, it was moved to accept the bid extension, for the last year, from Dalton's for the 2020 season.

CCRC received a thank you letter for Jason Montney and crew for ditching on Athey Rd.

Commissioner Haynak discussed the following: report on drainage issues on Business-27 near Big Joe's Auto Sales, Dave Bondie will follow-up on this issue. Cell phone use versus radio use was also discussed. Commissioner Haynak would like communication to be used via vehicle radios. Cell Phone Policy will be reviewed at the next regular Board meeting.

Commissioner Haskin stated he attended the MTA meeting.

Commissioner Hulliberger stated she attended the MERS Conference.

Kimberly Jones, Finance Director/Board Secretary and Al Leonard Engineer-Tech/Co-Manager, updated the Board on the power surges/power loss over the past weekend and the affect on our server and equipment.

Terry Acton, Hayes Township Supervisor, announced that he will be running for Road Commissioner when Commissioner Haynak's seat is up.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Kimberly Jones, Finance Director/Board Secretary

Richard Haynak, Chairman