

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 15, 2020.

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: Dewayne Rogers, Manager; Kimberly Jones, Finance Director/Board Secretary; Aric McNeilly, Road Maintenance Foreman; David Bondie, Asst. Road Maintenance Foreman and Delos Blain, Shop Foreman.

Guests present: Robert Sandel, Grant Township resident; Christopher Wiley, Lincoln Township resident; Gerald Lueders, Lincoln Township resident; Ron and Dena Poremba, Frost Township residents; Donald Hoppe, Frost Township resident; John Hood, Hayes Township resident; Dave Coker; Clare resident.

Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Commissioner Haskin, seconded by Commissioner Hulliberger, and carried unanimously, it was moved to appoint Commissioner Richard Haynak as Board Chair for 2020.

On a motion by Commissioner Haynak, seconded by Commissioner Hulliberger, and carried unanimously, it was moved to appoint Commissioner Timothy Haskin as Board Vice-Chair for 2020.

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

The fund balance report was presented and discussed. On a motion by Commissioner Haskin, seconded by Commissioner Hulliberger and approved unanimously, it was moved to approve payments for: AP (73066-73127), Payroll PE 12/15, 1/2 (#53140-53157), MERS and HRA totaling \$684,422.67.

John Hood, Hayes Township resident; presented CCRC with a Certificate of Appreciation Award for outstanding stewardship in protecting our lakes and streams by responsibly controlling stormwater runoff from entering Arnold Lake. Aric McNeilly accepted the award, on behalf of CCRC.

Ron Poremba, Frost Township resident; thanked staff for road work on Ridge Rd.; discussed Long Lk. Association meeting being held on June 6th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Frost Township Hall; Commissioner Haskin stated that he will attend. Mr. Poremba also discussed grants available for roads, other work, etc.

Christopher Wiley, Lincoln Township resident; requested an update on the curve on Finley Lk. and Jefferson. Manager, Dewayne Rogers, stated that Prein Newhoff is investigating this right-of-way issue.

Gerald Lueders, Lincoln Township resident; discussed the following: Harding Avenue project and concerns with the road and amount of gravel placed on projects. Manager, Dewayne Rogers and Road Maintenance Foreman replied: these roads will need time to dry in the spring and/or possibly looking into a spray to solidify areas.

Robert Sandel, Grant Township resident; thanked staff for hard work during snow storm and patching Dover overpass and staying on top of road issues.

Corrections on Minutes, Page 19-109, read and approved "December 4, 2019". Requesting correction to read November 22, 2019. It was a consensus of the Board to approve requested change.

On a motion by Commissioner Haynak, seconded by Commissioner Hulliberger, and carried unanimously, it was moved to hold the 2020 regular board meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of each month at 9:00 a.m. The Finance Director/Board Secretary will post a notice of 2020 regular meeting dates in the office lobby and on CCRC website.

2020 Cash Budget was discussed. Manager, Dewayne Rogers, discussed gravel projects and township/ other municipality cost sharing. Road Foremen and Engineering-Tech are preparing estimates to discuss with Manager. Requested discussion/approval of 2020 Cash Budget at next scheduled meeting due to project discussions.

Staff requested approval for a Pickup and Chipper, included in 2020 Cash Budget. On a motion by Commissioner Haskin, seconded by Commissioner Hulliberger, and carried unanimously, it was moved to approve the purchase of the new pickup (approx \$38,000) and new chipper (\$60,000).

Manager, Dewayne Rogers, discussed the following: upgrading all radios and possibly a grant or lease program, Dewayne will continue to research radio upgrades and costs; Prein Newhoff current contract/prices and SSI prices (both hourly rates for services).

On a motion Commissioner Haskin, seconded by Commissioner Hulliberger, and carried unanimously, it was moved to extend Prein Newhof's contract for 2020.

On a motion Commissioner Hulliberger, seconded by Commissioner Haskin, and carried unanimously, it was moved to accept as need hourly rates from SSI.

On a motion by Commissioner Haskin, seconded by Commissioner Hulliberger, and carried unanimously, it was moved to vote for Burt Thompson for the 3-year CRA Board position.

Manager, Dewayne Rogers, gave a brief report: looking into a co-op student from MMC, CMU and/or Ferris for assistance in the Engineering/Tech area; posting for summer temp positions; checking in to ROW on Stockwell and Hillcrest; looking at changing direction with township match/cost share program 50/50 split, \$40k max for asphalt, revisiting and still discussing all ideas.

Delos Blain, Shop Foreman, gave a brief shop report.

Aric McNeilly, Road Maint. Foreman and Dave Bondie, Asst. Road Foreman; gave an updated road report. Discussed road concerns, salt usage, thanked staff for doing a great job; Night Patrol position is on from 10:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. and Foreman are on call from 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.