

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 March 6, 2012.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Guest present was Richard Wells, Freeman Township Trustee.

The minutes of the February 15, 2012 regular Board meeting were read and approved.

The fund balance report was presented and discussed and bills were reviewed. On a motion by Commissioner Duggan, seconded by Commissioner Haynak and carried unanimously, it was moved to approve for payment payroll ending 02/19/2012 (checks 48925-48954), check for FICA, and AP checks 64120 thru 64184 totaling \$117,560.63.

On a motion by Commissioner Duggan, seconded by Commissioner Garver and carried unanimously it was moved to approve the 2012 Annual Cash Budget. A copy is attached following the minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Haynak, seconded by Commissioner Duggan and carried unanimously to purchase one additional tandem blade truck from JX Peterbilt and 4 wing plows from Truck & Trailer providing both companies will honor their last bid price.

Manager Ronald Bushong informed the Board that we have obtained a quote from and hired the services of Sheryl Judd to maintain the Clare County Road Commission website at \$20.00/hr.

On a motion by Commissioner Duggan, seconded by Commissioner Garver and carried unanimously it was moved to enter into intergovernmental agreements for the exchange of services with the Village of Farwell and the City of Harrison.

Attorney Richard Wilson has been retained to help with the FOIA requests and other road certification and abandonment issues.

Manager Ronald Bushong discussed the possible abandonment of a portion of Old State Avenue in Summerfield Township.

Richard Wells, Freeman Township Trustee, discussed the abandonment of Fir Haven Drive in Lake of the Pines Villa1.

The Road Commissioners' Conference will be held April 15-17, 2012 in Traverse City, Michigan. Commissioner Eddy Garver will be attending.

4-10 hour days was discussed. A decision will be made at a later meeting.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to allow the crossing of blacktop roads during the weight restriction period.

Manager Ronald Bushong discussed the Task Force meeting that he attended. Due to the change in funding approval, the Clare Avenue project scheduled for 2013 may need to be revised, shortened or postponed.

Permit 04-12 for Consumers Energy to work in the road right-of-way of Clare County roads were examined and signed by all members of the Board.

Steve Schunk, Northern Logistics, has contacted Manager Bushong and requested permission to blade Eberhart Avenue during frost law season. The Board agreed that this would be acceptable if proper permit and insurance requirements are met.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Kathy Duynslager, Board Secretary

Michael S. Duggan, Chair