

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 November 23, 2011.

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 Manager Ron Bushong, Finance Director, Kim Kimmel; Road Maintenance Foreman, John Krchmar and Shop Maintenance Foreman, Steve Graves.

Pledge of Allegiance

Guest present was Freeman Township Trustee, Richard Wells .

The minutes of the November 2, 2011 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 payrolls ending 10/30/2011 and 11/13/2011 (checks 48672-48699 & 48715-48742), Acc. Sick pay 11/01/2011 (checks 48700-48714), October MERS, and , checks for FICA, and AP checks 63815 thru 63875 totaling \$521,620.78.

Richard Wells informed the Board that someone has posted and gated the road commission easement in Freeman Township.

The transfer of property at 8 Point Lake between the road commission and Barbara Haskell has been completed.

Manager Ron Bushong is still working on the Safe Routes to Schools right-of-way, however, not all residents are willing to grant the necessary easements and grading permits.

On a motion by Commission Haynak, seconded by Commissioner Duggan and carried unanimously it was moved to purchase one tandem blade truck from JX Peterbilt, \$213,487.86, low bid.

Manager Ron Bushong reported that \$5200.00 leftover grant money should be available in 2012. The Road Commission will use this money on mandated radio upgrades.

CRAM has requested support in the hiring of an on staff engineer. Manager Ron Bushong informed the Board there would be approximately a 17% increase in our annual dues or about \$1100 per year. On a motion by Commissioner Duggan, seconded by Commissioner Garver and carried unanimously it was moved to support the hiring of an on staff engineer for CRAM.

On a motion by Commission Duggan, seconded by Commissioner Haynak and carried unanimously it was moved to extend the Manager's option of stepping back into his previous position if desired for another year.

CRAM Lobby Day is November 29th. Manager Ron Bushong, Commissioners Richard Haynak and Eddy Garver, and Traffic Safety Supervisor Jack Kleinhardt plan to attend.

Permits 66-11 for Consumers Energy Co and 67-11 for Charter Communications to work in the road right-of-way of Clare County roads were examined and signed by all members of the Board.

Clare County Road Commission will be hosting the next Vacationland Council meeting on December 15, 2011 at the Mannsiding Lodge, Harrison, Michigan.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Kathy Duynslager, Board Secretary

Michael Duggan, Chair