

The regular meeting of the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 5:32 p.m. in their office located at 13300 Fifteen Mile Road, Marshall, Michigan.

PRESENT: Commissioner Scott Brown, Chairman
Commissioner Hugh Coward, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Eric Johnson, Member
Commissioner Eric Tobin, Member (entered at 5:34 p.m.)
Commissioner Christopher Vreeland, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Kevin Henning, Managing Director
Mary Jo Crumpton, Board Clerk
General Public

Chairman Scott Brown called the regular meeting of the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners to order at 5:32 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Commissioner Vreeland and supported by Commissioner Coward to approve the Claims Payable Listing ending January 12, 2011 for \$647,845.64. Roll call vote: Johnson-Yes; Tobin-Yes; Coward-Yes; Vreeland-Yes; Brown-Yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Coward and supported by Commissioner Vreeland to approve the January 5, 2011 regular meeting minutes. Voice vote: Motion carried.

SUPERVISORS, PUBLIC OFFICIALS, AND CITIZENS COMMENTS regarding agenda items

Mr. Jeff Ely with AIS Construction Equipment Corp. was present and reminded Board members that he provided information a few weeks ago to encourage CCRC to purchase a used chassis for the distributor truck. Mr. Henning thanked Mr. Ely for his time and the information he provided.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Crumpton read the communications as follows:

- a) Received a recommendation from Mr. Kevin Henning regarding the Distributor Truck purchase
- b) Received a Career Development request from Mr. Kevin Henning

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- ***Approve the Distributor Truck purchase:*** Mr. Henning noted that we have reviewed the bid tabulation for a Distributor Truck that was previously provided as communication. The ROSCO Distributor bid by Michigan Cat was deemed the lowest, most qualified bid for a distributor tank. The bid also called for a single axle chassis and D&K and AIS were both the low bid for the chassis.

Mr. Henning requested that the Board approve his recommendation to award the bid to D&K for a new chassis and Michigan Cat for the ROSCO Distributor Tank to complete the purchase of our Distributor Truck.

Motion made by Commissioner Coward and supported by Commissioner Tobin to award the bid to D&K Truck Co. for a new chassis for a Distributor Truck in the amount of \$61,039.

Discussion took place on information provided by AIS with regards to a used chassis in lieu of a new chassis to use with the new distributor tank. Mr. Henning noted that while a used chassis was not part of the bid document, he did explore this concept with AIS. The used chassis bid through AIS is only a viable option should we choose to purchase the Etnyre Distributor Tank. The Etnyre Tank was not the lowest bid tank and is \$5,375 more than the ROSCO Tank bid through Michigan Cat.

He added that during a follow-up meeting with AIS it was brought to his attention that if we chose to spray CM90 (hot oil) in lieu of emulsion for our sealcoat program, the Etnyre Tank would require an upgrade to the pump and spray bar at an added cost of \$5,000. Mr. Henning clarified that according to the manufacturer of the ROSCO Tank, no additional upgrades would be necessary for the use of CM90. Discussion continued.

Mr. Henning stated that while he realizes that we need to remain frugal with our spending, he is not comfortable purchasing a used chassis for such an important part of our road preservation program.

Commissioner Vreeland asked the rationale for awarding the chassis bid to D&K vs. AIS when the bid price was the same. Mr. Henning responded that AIS was buying the chassis from D&K for their Etnyre tank and did not inflate the cost of the chassis. He added that he doubted AIS would be interested in purchasing from D&K only to turn around and sell it to us.

Roll call vote: Tobin-Yes; Coward-Yes; Vreeland-Yes; Johnson-Yes; Brown-Yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Tobin and supported by Commissioner Vreeland to award the bid for the ROSCO Distributor Tank in the amount of \$69,486 to Michigan Cat.

Discussion took place regarding the ROSCO vs. the Etnyre Distributor Tank. Mr. Henning noted that our mechanics have reviewed the specifications on both tanks and the Etnyre tank was not their choice because of the location of the pump and the difficulty to service it.

Roll call vote: Coward-Yes; Vreeland-Yes; Johnson-Yes; Tobin-Yes; Brown-Yes. Motion carried.

- **Other:** Mr. Henning provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Board with information on Township Supervisor meetings and their 2011 Meeting Schedule; 2010 Patching Report; 2011 Pothole Repair Plan; Traffic Safety Requirements; the Honeywell Project; Battle Creek Enquirer FOIA Request; Snow Plowing Agreement with the Huron Potawatomi; Nixle and Facebook Accounts; the recent fatality in Lee Township; a demonstration of our GPS; information being provided to the County Board of Commissioners at their retreat on January 21, 2011; and a citizen "Thank You" to the Road Commission.

Commissioner Brown noted that CCRC runs the Durapatchers a lot, including at night, and asked if we needed to purchase more, as the cost for hand patching is much greater than using the Durapatchers. Mr. Henning replied that the Durapatchers are much more efficient and added that additional Durapatchers are on our 2012 equipment wish list. We are trying to eliminate the use of cold patch which does not last.

Commissioner Vreeland asked how many Township Supervisors attended the meeting this morning. Mr. Henning replied that this was the best turnout we have had with 11-12 in attendance.

Commissioner Johnson asked about methods and material used for pothole patching.

Commissioner Coward asked if there would be liability issues with the snow plowing agreement with the tribe. Mr. Henning replied that we are never completely expunged from liability; however, we are

establishing a Memorandum of Understanding for one year and will be issuing a permit. He added that there would be no increase in our liability and no financial commitment by the Road Commission.

Commissioner Brown asked that the sign up link for Nixle be included on our website.

Commissioners asked Mr. Henning to provide them with the presentation he will be giving at the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners retreat.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Richard Logan, Emmett Township resident, commented that the new website is nice and he appreciates the information. He also suggested that CCRC require a waiver of liability from the tribe with regards to the snow plowing agreement.

COMMISSIONERS TIME

Commissioner Vreeland commented that he has received positive feedback from citizens about our new website.

Commissioner Coward commented that he has received positive feedback from citizens on CCRC's winter operations.

Commissioner Johnson commented that he has also received positive feedback from citizens about our website.

Commissioner Brown offered kudos to the Road Commission staff on their snow plowing service so far this year, and also to Mr. Henning and staff for taking advantage of the grant opportunities available to the Road Commission for the Small Urban areas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

There being no additional business before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Submitted by:

Mary Jo Crumpton, Deputy Board Clerk

Scott A. Brown, Chairman