

The regular meeting of the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 5:30 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 Tobin, Member  
Commissioner Christopher Vreeland, Member

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Eric Johnson, Member – excused

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kevin Henning, Managing Director  
Jill Forshey, Finance Clerk  
General Public

Chairman Scott Brown called the regular meeting of the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Motion made by Commissioner Tobin and supported by Commissioner Coward to approve the Claims Payable Listing ending October 10, 2011 for \$646,945.39. Roll call vote: Tobin-Yes; Brown-Yes; Coward-Yes; Vreeland-Yes. Motion carried.**

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

#### **MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

***Trash Collection Services Bid:*** Mr. Henning noted that the Board received the bid information and tabulation sheet for the Trash Collection Services bid at a previous meeting. Bids were received from waste haulers in the area and Republic was the low bidder. They are also the current bid holder for this service. Mr. Henning requested Board approval to award the Trash Collection Services bid for 2012-2014 to Republic Waste.

**Motion made by Commissioner Vreeland and supported by Commissioner Tobin to award the Trash Collection Services bid to Republic Waste for 2012-2014, for \$ 9,897.24 for the three year service.**

Commissioner Tobin asked that staff ensure that we are only being billed for what we receive as Athens is supposed to receive two recycling bins each month, but has only been receiving one. Mr. Henning asked that he inform Mrs. Eichorst of this issue.

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

***Brush Chipper Bid:*** Mr. Henning noted that the Board received the bid information and tabulation sheet for the 15" Brush Chipper bid at a previous meeting. He reminded the Board that the purchase of the brush chipper would replace the one that was damaged during the clean up from the Memorial Day storm. Mr. Henning stated that funding is now available to purchase the brush chipper, as we have received the State Maintenance Equipment Advance Credit. Discussion continued. Mr. Henning requested Board approval to award the Brush Chipper bid to Vermeer of Michigan.

Commissioner Coward asked if we would be getting a new chipper from Vermeer, or the one we had been using. Mr. Henning stated that we would be getting the machine we had been using, but Vermeer would be refurbishing, putting new teeth on it and cleaning it up. He stated that it was new when we first rented it. Mr. Henning stated that we probably put 180 hours on it during the months we rented it. Discussion continued.

**Motion made by Commissioner Vreeland and supported by Commissioner Tobin to award the Brush Chipper bid to Vermeer of Michigan, not to exceed \$32,970. Roll call vote: Tobin-Yes; Brown-Yes; Coward-Yes; Vreeland-Yes. Motion carried.**

**Disaster Relief:** Mr. Henning announced that the County has been awarded \$30,000 for disaster relief from the Memorial Day storm. He expressed his appreciation to County Administrator Kelli Scott and her staff for submitting the request to the State. Mr. Henning explained the specific criteria used by the State for approval and use of these funds. Discussion continued. Mr. Henning reported that County Administrator Scott suggested that funding from the Solid Waste Fund be used to assist with clean up costs. He also noted that MDOT has been assisting with clean up in Emmett Township. Discussion took place on the Road Commission's potential liability for stumps that were left in the roadway on Hidden Forest by residents and contractors they hired. Mr. Henning informed the Board that our crews have cleared the stumps from the roadway and right-of-way. Discussion continued.

**Loss Prevention:** Mr. Henning informed the Board that CCRC was recently recognized at the CRAM Self-Insurance Fund Annual Meeting. For 2010-2011, CCRC's loss prevention factor was under 1% for worker's compensation claims. Discussion continued.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Aaron Christoff, Emmett Township resident, stated that he was glad to see CCRC clean up the stumps from the roadway and right-of-way on Hidden Forest, but is disappointed that there are still many areas where debris remains in the right-of-way. Commission Brown requested permission to suspend the rules and have a conversation. Permission was moved by Commissioner Coward and supported by Commissioner Vreeland.

Commissioner Vreeland noted that he recently attend the Emmett Township Board meeting where discussion occurred on the emergency response plan and Unified Command. It is apparent that the plan failed and a lot of miscommunication was evident.

Commissioner Brown commented that he had to remind himself of the charge of the Road Commission in this situation and what is allowed under Act 51. He added that Unified Command issued the press releases regarding storm debris without any thought given to the restrictions the Road Commission faces under Act 51.

Commissioner Coward emphasized that there was major miscommunication by Unified Command in the aftermath of the storm.

Commissioner Tobin commented that the Road Commission did their job opening the roads after the storm and agreed that there was much miscommunication.

### **COMMISSIONER TIME**

Commissioner Vreeland expressed his appreciation to Mr. Henning and his staff for responding professionally and timely to residents regarding storm debris.

Commissioner Brown agreed with Commissioner Vreeland and added that staff does a better job than most responding to citizen complaints.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

There being no additional business before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Mary Jo Crumpton, Board Clerk

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Scott A. Brown, Chairman