

The regular meeting of the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in their office located at 13300 Fifteen Mile Road, Marshall, Michigan.

PRESENT: Commissioner Hugh Coward, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Eric Tobin, Member
Commissioner Christopher Vreeland, Member
Commissioner Eric Johnson, Member-via telephone

ABSENT: Commissioner Scott Brown, Chairman– excused

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

Vice Chairman Hugh Coward 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 Vreeland to approve Claims Payable Listing ending September 23, 2011 for \$ 140,284.12. Voice vote: Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Vreeland and supported by Commissioner Tobin to approve the September 21, 2011 regular meeting minutes. Voice vote: Motion carried.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Township Projects: Mr. Henning noted that the Township sealcoat projects had been completed. We are finishing up the paving jobs. In Albion Township, 29 Mile Road is looking good. It has been reconstructed, pulverized, shoulders done, trees removed. Paving should be completed Thursday and Friday of this week. Mr. Henning mentioned that commissioners should check out 29 Mile Road sometime next week.

We are skip paving on D Drive South in Eckford Township. He stated that Marengo Township also wants to participate with Marshall Township in the 25/25/50 cost sharing on 18 Mile Road from G Drive North to I Drive North. That would be around \$ 60,000.00 in paving work.

Mr. Henning mentioned that the Distributor truck is being cleaned up and stored for the winter.

Potholes: Mr. Henning stated that we have spent two million dollars in patching potholes. There are around 500 service requests that are still open for pothole patching. This week is a great week to patch potholes. Right now, our main focus is getting the roads ready for winter.

We are still blading rotomill in Lee and Clarence Townships. Mr. Henning explained that some roads are beyond pothole patching, so we are forced to use the most effective, cost efficient method. Most Townships are very appreciative of this method.

All Employee Day: Mr. Henning restated that our All Employee Day scheduled for Friday, October 21, 2011. Presentations will be given by Sheriff Dept., Michigan State Police, and CRASIF on safety. We will be providing lunch to our employees and all Commissioners are invited to attend for the entire day, if available. If not available for the entire day, Commissioners were encouraged to join us for lunch between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. We will also be recognizing employees for their years of service in milestones with the Road Commission, and will be providing gift cards.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Joe Bramble, Convis Township resident, asked when we were going to take care of the leaning trees, like the ones on 17 ½ Mile Road and 17 Mile Road, North of N Drive North. Mr. Henning replied that R & S Tree Service takes care of our trees countywide, due to the number of men it takes to cut down trees. He also commented on some loggers that are heck with the berm on some township roads. Mr. Bramble also thanked us for mowing.

Mr. Bob Overly, Marshall Planning Commission and Marshall Area Ambulance Authority mentioned the damages to Old 27 done by Enbridge.

COMMISSIONER TIME

Commissioner Vreeland referred to development issue with Mr. Logan. He stated he had talked to Richard Lindsey, the County's General Council, and they both feel there shouldn't be any issues. Mr. Logan is planning to speak at the County meeting tomorrow and Commissioner Vreeland noted that he plans to attend.

Commissioner Vreeland commented on the Unified Command follow up and the money from the State for Disaster relief cleanup and the tree stumps in the road on Hidden Forest. He stated that he was going to bring concerns up at County Commissioner's meeting tomorrow.

Commissioner Vreeland asked about if we had heard anything yet on the \$ 30,000.00 we should get of storm relief funds. Mr. Henning stated that we probably wouldn't be receiving any, due to the fact that there are now stipulations that have to be met.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

There being no additional business before the Board, Vice Chairman Coward adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Submitted by:

Jill Forshey, Finance Clerk

Hugh T. Coward, Vice Chairman