

The regular meeting of the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners was held on Wednesday, March 2, 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 Christopher Vreeland, Member – temporarily excused (entered at 5:34 p.m.)
Commissioner Eric Johnson, Member
Commissioner Eric Tobin, Member – temporarily excused (entered at 5:34 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT: Kevin Henning, Managing Director
Mary Jo Crumpton, Board Clerk
Angie Kline, Engineer
Tiffany Eichorst, Environmental Services Coordinator
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 Coward and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Claims Payable Listing ending February 23, 2011 for \$659,304.42. Roll call vote: Johnson-Yes; Coward-Yes; Brown-Yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Coward and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve the February 16, 2011 regular meeting minutes. Voice vote: Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Crumpton read the communications as follows:

- a) Received the 2010 Calhoun County Road Certification and corresponding Resolution 2011-01

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Approve the Land Lease Agreement between the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners and the Calhoun County Board of Public Works: Mr. Henning noted that Commissioners received this agreement at their last meeting with regards to the property where the Community Compost Center is located. He requested Board approval.

Motion made by Commissioner Coward and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Land Lease Agreement between the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners and the Calhoun County Board of Public Works. Roll call vote: Coward-Yes; Johnson-Yes; Brown-Yes. Motion carried.

Winter Operations: Mr. Henning noted that CCRC spent \$175,000 on the recent ice storm event that took approximately five days to clean up. Approximately 1,700 man hours and \$50,000 in material was spent on this storm. Year-to-date winter operations are over-budget by \$43,000 and that does not include the allotment for November and December of this year. Typically, we try to set aside 20% of our budget for winter maintenance at the end of the calendar year. Mr. Henning noted that as of right now we will have to find \$200,000 to cut out of our summer capital preventative maintenance operations such

as sealcoating, or mowing, or pavement marking. We have \$400,000 set aside for the local road program and once the township resolutions have been submitted, Mr. Henning will provide an amended budget to the Board. A press release on the high cost of winter maintenance went out yesterday and we had planned to provide a copy to the Board members today. However, the media moved fast on the release and the Battle Creek Enquirer will be doing a follow up story on Sunday.

Pothole Patching Plan: Mr. Henning announced that on Monday, March 7th crews will be reporting to all three garages to begin the new approach to patching potholes. Commissioner Coward asked if we would be hiring seasonal employees for patching this year. Mr. Henning replied that we are looking at keeping the seasonal employees that we hired for snowplowing and will be meeting with Supervisors regarding this on Friday. He added that we may not have enough patching trucks for new hires, since we are currently doing some patching out of plow trucks. Commissioner Coward asked when hot mix would be available. Mr. Henning replied that the asphalt plants usually open in mid to late April.

Audit Preparation and Year-End Closeout 2010: We have been preparing information for the audit that begins on Wednesday, March 9, 2011.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Donna Patrick of Asphalt Solutions Plus stated that they held the sweeping contract for 2009/2010 and are still owed \$38,000. She stated that they ran over the contract budget due to the excess material that was on the roads. Ms. Patrick also noted that Asphalt Solutions Plus responded as needed, but found that the amount of material on the roads doubled from 2009 to 2010 which increased the amount of debris disposal. She asked when they could expect payment for services rendered. Commissioner Brown stated that he would get back to her after researching this further.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

There being no additional business before the Board, Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Mary Jo Crumpton, Board Clerk

Scott A. Brown, Chairman