

The regular meeting of the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners was held on Wednesday, August 15, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in their office located at 13300 Fifteen Mile Road, Marshall, Michigan.

PRESENT: Commissioner Scott Brown, Chairman
Commissioner Eric Johnson, Member – via telephone
Commissioner Eric Tobin, Member
Commissioner Christopher Vreeland, Member

ABSENT: Commissioner Hugh Coward, Vice Chairman – excused

ALSO PRESENT: Kevin Henning, Managing Director
Angela Kline, Engineer
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 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Commissioner Tobin and supported by Commissioner Vreeland to approve the Claims Payable Listing ending August 10, 2011 for \$665,238.27. Roll call vote: Johnson-Yes; Vreeland-Yes; Tobin-Yes; Brown-Yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Tobin and supported by Commissioner Vreeland to approve the August 3, 2011 regular meeting minutes. Voice vote: Motion carried.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Approve Resolution 2011-13: Mr. Henning noted that the Board received this resolution for abandonment and discontinuance of part of Seller's Road of Seller's Pony Farm Annex in Pennfield Township at the last meeting. He explained that this is a platted area that has not been developed. We received a petition signed by all adjoining property owners to abandon this portion. Abandonment by the Road Commission does not give the property to the petitioner, but gives the petitioner the ability to take this to circuit court to have the plat redrawn. Mr. Henning requested Board approval to abandon this portion of right-of-way to allow the petitioner to move forward in having this area replatted.

Motion made by Commissioner Vreeland and supported by Commissioner Tobin to approve Resolution 2011-13. Roll call vote: Tobin-Yes; Vreeland-Yes; Johnson-Yes; Brown-Yes. Motion carried.

Award the Engineering Services Bid for the Calhoun County Trailway: At their last meeting, the Board received the bids, bid tabulation, and review committee recommendation for engineering services for the design of Phase I, Segment I of the Calhoun County Trailway. Mr. Henning stated that the review committee consisted of Road Commissioners Scott Brown and Eric Tobin, Calhoun County Administrator Kelli Scott, Calhoun County Commissioner Art Kale, County Corporation Counsel Richard Lindsay, Calhoun County Trailway Alliance members Larry Rizer and Bob Gregersen, and CCRC staff Angela Kline and Tiffany Eichorst. Mr. Henning stated that the recommendation is to award the bid for engineering services for the design of the trailway to Hurley & Stewart and he requested Board approval.

Motion made by Commissioner Tobin and supported by Commissioner Vreeland to award the bid for engineering services for the design of Phase I, Segment I of the Calhoun County Trailway to Hurley & Stewart.

Commissioner Brown asked Mrs. Kline to explain why Hurley & Stewart is the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder. Mrs. Kline stated that it came down to their qualifications as they recently completed the Kalamazoo portion of the trailway. Also, their RFP showed their knowledge of the project and addressed all areas. Mrs. Kline also noted that Hurley & Stewart

went above and beyond in the area of geotechnical soils. Commissioner Brown asked Mrs. Kline if it was her opinion as a professional engineer that this bid is in the best interest of the Road Commission. She replied yes.

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

Operations: Mr. Henning reported that we began sealcoat operations last week and he is very pleased with the new distributor and hot oil, as it is doing a wonderful job. We are also saving about 40% on oil costs by using the CM90 that is not emulsion and does not contain water. Mr. Henning informed everyone that Enbridge has started mitigation on our roads. Michigan Paving was awarded the bid and has begun paving. CCRC will be subcontracting through Michigan Paving to perform the chip and seal operations. Enbridge is spending approximately 2.5 million dollars to mitigate our roads. Our crews continue to work on patching, mowing, and drainage projects.

Commissioner Vreeland asked about the meeting held on August 9th regarding State funds for debris clean up. Mr. Henning explained the criteria for application and noted that the Road Commission is not eligible to apply for these funds as we are not a political subdivision. The County is applying for funds, up to \$30,000, for reimbursement. Mr. Henning added that he has requested a meeting with the County, Emmett Township, and Emmett Public Safety to address how to help residents with the storm debris clean up, but he has not received a response from anyone.

Commissioner Tobin asked if Mr. Henning had made progress to establish a meeting with those involved with Unified Command. Mr. Henning replied that he has heard nothing from County Administrator Scott and believes it is best to leave this to the County Commissioner who has volunteered to lead this charge.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Larry Rizor, Calhoun County Trailway Alliance, thanked the Board for awarding the engineering services bid for the trailway design.

Mr. Tim Stewart, Hurley & Stewart, thanked the Board for the bid award and noted that Hurley & Stewart has a competent team that is excited to get started.

Mr. Jim Coury, Calhoun County Trailway Alliance, thanked the Road Commission staff for their work on the Calhoun County Trailway.

Mr. Sootsman, Calhoun County Trailway Alliance, thanked the Board for awarding the bid.

COMMISSIONER TIME

Commissioner Vreeland thanked the Calhoun County Trailway Alliance for their heavy lifting and years of planning to get the trailway built. He also commented that the County is doing nothing to help residents with debris clean up and encouraged citizens to contact their County Commissioner.

Commissioner Tobin commented that he is pleased to see that we have finally gotten to this point with the trailway.

Commissioner Johnson apologized for not being unable to attend the meeting in person, as his job has taken him out of the county.

Commissioner Brown agreed with Commissioner Vreeland that the County is doing nothing to help residents with clean up while the Road Commission has spent many dollars to help. He added that he is discouraged with the attitude of county government.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

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

Submitted by:

Mary Jo Crumpton, Board Clerk

Scott A. Brown, Chairman