

January 22, 2015

THAT the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Crane at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Livingston County Road Commission, 3535 Grand Oaks Drive, Howell, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in accordance with Act #267 of 1976.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Stephen F. Crane
John T. Dunleavy

Commissioners Absent: David R. Peckens

Staff Present: Thomas Barron, Equipment Supervisor
Michael Craine, Managing Director
Kim Hiller, Utilities and Permits Engineer
Terry Palmer, Accounting Supervisor
Steve Wasyk, Deputy Managing Director of Operations

Others Present: Charles Erger, 9425 SweetBriar Lane, Brighton
Elige Johnson, 9404 Old Plank Lane, Brighton
Robert West, Hartland Township Director of Public Works

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Dunleavy, seconded by Commissioner Crane, to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

E. CALL TO THE PUBLIC (1)

No response

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Capital Outlay
 - Motor Grader(Resolution 1501-001)

Mr. Craine asked Steve Wasyk to refresh the Board regarding the acquisition of a new motor grader through the MiDEAL program. Mr. Wasyk stated that the motor grader was included in the 2015 capital outlay budget. He stated that staff had looked carefully at the Series M grader from Michigan Caterpillar. Operations staff had also spent some time with Washtenaw County employees on a similar grader purchased by them. Mr. Wasyk said that staff felt comfortable in recommending the Cat 140MAWD motor grader from Michigan Cat in the gross amount of \$289,053.13. This is the MiDEAL price.

Mr. Wasyk also reviewed the lease options prepared by Michigan Cat. It was recommended that the Board consider going with Quote 448-8507, also referred to as option B. This would take the credit for the trade-in machine on the front end and complete the lease period without a balloon payment.

Tom Barron reviewed with the Board the details of the equipment. Staff felt that the power to the ground delivered by the Caterpillar equipment was equivalent to that of the John Deere.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Crane, seconded by Commissioner Dunleavy, to approve Resolution 1501-001. (Certified copy on file in the Board Meeting Resolutions.)

Ayes: Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

2. Capital Outlay
 - Pickup Trucks and Vehicle
(Resolution 1501-002)

Mr. Wasyk reviewed with the Board the light-duty vehicles that were included as part of the 2015 budget. Two of the units would be assigned to District Supervisors, one unit would be assigned to engineering staff members, and the fourth unit would be assigned to the Director of Operations. Tom Barron briefly reviewed the details of the individual trucks.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Dunleavy, seconded by Commissioner Crane, to approve Resolution 1501-002. (Certified copy on file in the Board Meeting Resolutions.)

Ayes: Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

3. Conceptual Approval, Acceptance as County Roads
 - Sandila Estates Site Condominium
Section 8, Brighton Township
(Resolution 1501-003)

Mr. Craine reviewed with the Board the recently received preliminary site plan for a proposed site condominium in Brighton Township known as Sandila Estates. This 27-lot development would consist of a single cul-de-sac road and some shared driveways. Currently its access is taken from Old Plank Lane through an outlot established for that purpose in the Hunter's Ridge Subdivision. Mr. Craine asked Kim Hiller to provide additional details.

Ms. Hiller reviewed with the Board the proposed cross-section and preliminary details of the road and drainage system for the development. She stated that a good deal of the conversation with the developer prior to application dealt with access to the site. The developer has purchased and does have access through Outlot A in the Hunter's Ridge Subdivision. The developer recognizes that this is not ideal access for construction traffic. Ms. Hiller told the Board about the efforts made by the developer to acquire a second access point on Hyne Road for a least temporary construction purposes.

She also stated that due to the wetland on the property, the proprietor is requesting two variances. The first is for the maximum allowable street length and the second is for the maximum allowable block length. These are standard variance requests under these circumstances and staff had no problem with them. Ms. Hiller stated that concept approval does not lock in a single option for alternate access if it develops in the future. She said that early approvals are done on an agency by agency basis but that the final approval will be based upon the consensus layout approved by the township and other county agencies.

Vice-Chairman Crane noted that there were two people in attendance and asked if they wished to make any comments regarding this development. Elige Johnson of 9404 Old Plank Lane indicated that he lived adjacent to Outlot A. He believes he will have negative impacts on his property in Hunter's Ridge generally as a result of additional traffic. He stated that he protested any further approval of this development based upon action taken by Brighton Township on January 12, 2015. He further objected to any relocation of his driveway as mentioned in an earlier staff report. He said that the driveway would end up on the wrong side of his garage and have major impact not only on the physical drive but also on his landscaping and appurtenances. He provided recent cost estimates for each of these impacts.

Charles Erger, 9425 SweetBriar Lane, said that he was representing his neighbors who could not attend the meeting. He stated that they were objecting to the point of access, not to the development itself. He stated that the Brighton Township Planning Commission has directed how this must develop and there should be no deviation from this determination.

Mr. Craine reviewed with Mr. Johnson and Mr. Erger the details on how the development process proceeds. He stated that the Sandila Estates Site Condominium development met all of the Road Commission's requirements but ultimately may not be determined to meet all the requirements established by other agencies. The approval process requires that the final plan be agreed upon by all parties and would be subjected to further consideration by the Board. Mr. Erger and Mr. Johnson thanked the Board for their time and attention and then left the meeting.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Dunleavy, seconded by Commissioner Crane, to approve Resolution 1501-003. (Certified copy on file in the Board Meeting Resolutions.)

Ayes: Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

4. **County Road Association of Michigan Ballot**
● **Board of Director's Three-Year Term**

The County Road Association of Michigan (CRAM) provided a ballot to select a candidate from the Association of Southern Michigan Road Commissions to serve a three-year term on the CRAM Board of Directors. The consensus of the Board was to vote for William Watkins of Hillsdale.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Crane, seconded by Commissioner Dunleavy, to vote for William Watkins of Hillsdale to serve the three-year term on the CRAM Board of Directors.

Ayes: Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were presented to the Board as information only:

1. Clip Sheets (January 8-14, 2015)
2. Clip Sheets (January 15-23, 2015)

H. CALL TO THE PUBLIC (2)

Robert West, Director of Public Works for Hartland Township, addressed the Board. He stated that he just wanted to let the Board know how much the Road Commission activities are appreciated, particularly the recent work with the Township in implementing the Township road program. He said that along those lines the Township had established a website, 'hartlandroads.com' that they intend to use to communicate with residents during construction. He said that the Road Commission was welcome to recommend articles for inclusion on this website. The Board thanked Mr. West for his comments.

I. LEGAL

No report

J. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Minutes
 - a. Regular Board Meeting
January 8, 2015

The proposed minutes of the meeting of January 8, 2015, were presented to the Board for its review and approval.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Dunleavy, seconded by Commissioner Crane, to approve the meeting minutes of January 8, 2015.

Ayes: Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

2. **Bills**

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Dunleavy, seconded by Commissioner Crane, to approve vouchers 78048 through 78133 in the net amount of \$325,888.46.

Ayes: Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

3. **Meetings Announced**

a. **Performance Evaluation**

Closed Session Requested

January 29, 2015

b. **Next Regular Board Meeting**

~~February 12, 2015 – 9:30 a.m.~~

Rescheduled to February 5, 2015 – 9:30 a.m.

There was discussion on the next regular Board meeting originally scheduled for February 12, 2015. Board members concluded that there were other obligations to be met on that day and staff was directed to re-notice the next regular meeting for February 5.

4. **Financial Reports Reviewed**

a. **Cash Position Statement**

5. **Miscellaneous Road Items**

No items.

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice-Chairman Crane declared the meeting adjourned at 10:21 a.m. Motion carried.

Signed _____
Stephen F. Crane, Vice-Chairman

Signed _____
Michael Craine, Managing Director