

February 23, 2017

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

Commissioner Dunleavy assumed the Chair in the absence of Commissioner Crane.

Commissioners Present: Stephen F. Crane
John T. Dunleavy

Staff Present: Tom Barron, Equipment Manager
Michael Craine, Managing Director
Terry Palmer, Accounting Supervisor
Steve Wasylk, Deputy Managing Director of Operations

Others Present: Les Anderson, Trustee, Marion Township
Mike Cunningham, Supervisor Tyrone Township
Mike Rife, Supervisor, Conway Township
Lance Schuhmacher, Trustee, Oceola Township

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Crane, seconded by Commissioner Dunleavy, to approve the agenda as amended, deferring approval of the February 9, 2017 Minutes.

Ayes: Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy
Nays: None
Motion: Carried

E. CALL TO THE PUBLIC (1)

Mr. Lance Schuhmacher, of Oceola Township, addressed the Board about the status of the Eager Road replacement bridge. Mr. Craine reviewed the engineering work to date and stated that the soil borings were now available and noted that the bearing capacity of the soil is extremely low. The preliminary determination is that light-weight fill will be required for the relocation portion. Engineering is currently being done to have preliminary plans ready in approximately in thirty days. The current cost estimates are in excess of two million dollars. Engineering staff are working with consultants to determine the final estimate. There will be some right-of-way required as a result of the relocation of the water main and the road.

Mike Rife, Supervisor of Conway Township, stated that there was a meeting being scheduled with the Shiawassee Drain Commissioner for a drain crossing on Lovejoy Road. He stated that it should be on the second or third of March.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. CRA Amendments

- Two proposed amendments

Mr. Craine reviewed with the Board two proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the County Road Association of Michigan. The first amendment, (Article V, Section 13), would add a standing committee to focus on operations and maintenance issues. The second amendment, (Article III, Section 3), would clarify the membership of associate members.

Staff recommended approval of both amendments.

ACTION: The amendment to Article V, Section 13, regarding the addition of a standing committee, was recommended for approval by Commissioner Dunleavy and supported by Commissioner Crane. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: The amendment for Article III, Section 3, clarifying membership of associate members, was recommended for approval by Commissioner Crane and supported by Commissioner Dunleavy. Motion passed unanimously.

2. CRA Board of Directors Ballot

- Nominations 2017

It was moved by Commissioner Dunleavy and supported by Commissioner Crane to cast a ballot for John M. Hunt from Huron County to be a member of the County Road Association Board or Directors.

ACTION: The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Equipment purchase recommendation

- Mower Tractor (Michigan MiDeal contract #071b7700089)
(Resolution 1702-010)

Mr. Barron, Equipment Supervisor, explained to the Board plans to replace the oldest mower in the fleet. The new mower would be purchased through the Michigan MiDeal purchasing program. The Staff recommendation was for a mower tractor with a removable front snow plow for subdivision work in the amount of \$103,154.68. There is an opportunity for a \$9000 trade-in, which will be procured if the unit is not sold for an amount exceeding \$9000.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Dunleavy and seconded by Commissioner Crane to approve Resolution 1702-010. (Certified copy available in the Board Meeting Resolutions)

AYES: Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy

NAYS: None

MOTION: Carried

4. Vehicle purchase recommendation

- Four Ford Pickups (Michigan MiDeal contract #071b1300009)
(Resolution 1702-011)

Mr. Barron reviewed the MiDeal prices for the replacement of one SUV and three Pickup Trucks. These items were in the 2017 budget and are being purchased through the MiDeal contract. Mr. Barron explained how these vehicles would be deployed in the maintenance and engineering departments. The engines are proposed to be the Ford V-8 motor. Staff is recommending approval.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Dunleavy, seconded by Commissioner Crane, to approve Resolution 1702-011. (Certified copy available in the Board Meeting Resolutions)

AYES: Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy
NAYS: None
MOTION: Carried

5. Plans and Specifications approval recommendation

- Brighton Road in Genoa Twp. (from Bauer Road to Brighton City Limits)
(Resolution 1702-012)

Mr. Craine presented to the Board the proposal for approval for the plans and specifications for construction of Brighton Road between Bauer Road and Brighton City Limits, (7th Street). The project consists of milling two and half inches of asphalt and resurfacing with new hot mix asphalt along with other necessary work such as curb work and catch basin mortaring. The project is estimated to cost approximately \$660,000. The federal aid program will pay \$540,000 towards this amount. Staff is recommending approval of the plans and requests that the Board authorize staff to submit the project to MDOT for bid letting.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Dunleavy, seconded by Commissioner Crane, to approve Resolution 1702-012. (Certified copy available in the Board Meeting Resolutions)

AYES: Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy
NAYS: None
MOTION: Carried

6. Plans and Specifications approval recommendation

- Spencer Road in Brighton Township
(Resolution 1702-013)

Mr. Craine presented to the Board the proposal for approval for the plans and specifications for Spencer Road between the I-96 westbound ramps and the US-23 overpass. The work will consist of milling three and one quarter inches of asphalt and replacing it. Due to the commercial nature of the roadway, it is being set up for night work.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Dunleavy, seconded by Commissioner Crane, to approve Resolution 1702-013. (Certified copy available in the Board Meeting Resolutions)

AYES: Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy
NAYS: None
MOTION: Carried

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

Clips Sheets (02/09/2017 – 02/15/2017)
Clips Sheets (02/16/2017 – 02/22/2017)

H. CALL TO THE PUBLIC (2)

Mr. Les Anderson, Marion Township Trustee, asked if the Board had decided what its cost sharing would be for the 2017 PPP program and whether the additional funding, as a result of the fuel tax hike, would increase the amount of participation by the Road Commission. He further explained that Marion Township had done a three-year road plan, which would provide a basis for development of projects within that time period.

Further discussion ensued regarding new funding and some skepticism was expressed about whether the amount of funding would be delivered as previously indicated. The Road Commission

response was to work with Townships to develop a multi-year plan and participate to the maximum extent possible.

Mr. Anderson followed up with a question about potential philosophical changes at the Road Commission regarding the nature of the fixes. The perception was that the Road Commission was focused on more short term fixes in order to reduce the number of miles of poor pavement. Mr. Craine agreed that there had been a change in stance as a result of the rapidly deteriorating conditions. However, the Road Commission would be seeking more long term fixes on higher volume than on lower volume roadways. Mr. Cunningham shared his experience in Tyrone Township with the dilemma of mid- term vs long-term repairs and he chose a long-term fix for Hartland Road, which has so far been good.

I. LEGAL

No Resport

J. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Minutes

- a. Regular Board Meeting, February 9, 2017

ACTION: Deferred until the March 9, 2017 meeting

AYES:

NAYS:

MOTION:

2. Bills

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Dunleavy, seconded by Commissioner Crane, to approve vouchers #82546 through #82626 in the net amount of \$422,649.17

AYES: Commissioners Crane, Dunleavy

NAYS: None

MOTION: Carried

3. Meetings Announced

- a. Next Regular Board Meeting – March 9, 2017- 9:30 a.m.

4. Financial Reports Reviewed

- a. Cash Position Statement

5. Miscellaneous Road Items

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Crane declared the meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Signed _____
Stephen F. Crane Chairman

Signed _____
Michael Craine, Managing Director