

November 12, 2009

THAT the meeting was called to order by Commissioner Slayton 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. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: John T. Dunleavy
Richard I. Slayton

Commissioners Absent: David R. Peckens

Staff Present: Michael Craine, Managing Director
Donald Kuchnicki, Finance & Policy Director
George Messner, Equipment Supervisor
Jodie Tedesco, County Highway Engineer
Steve Wasyk, Director of Operations

Others Present: Chris Behnan, Daily Press & Argus
Kenneth Donal, 1085 Searls Road, Webberville
Mark Moran, Michigan Caterpillar, Novi
Chris Robinson, JDE Equipment Co., New Hudson

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Ayes: Commissioners Dunleavy, Slayton.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

C. CALL TO THE PUBLIC (1)

No Response

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Project Agreement—MDOT
 - Old U-23, Faussett to Center Sections 17, 20, 29, and 32—Tyrone Township (Resolution 0911-062)

Mr. Craine provided an overview of the project agreement for the improvements to Old US-23 from Faussett Road to Center Road. He explained that there was no local share to be paid for by the County Road Commission due to the fact that one project segment was being billed under the terms of ARRA, and the federal aid was matched with appropriate state aid for the other segment.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Dunleavy, seconded by Commissioner Slayton, to approve Resolution 0911-062. (Certified Copy on file in the Board Meeting Resolutions.)

Ayes: Commissioners Dunleavy, Slayton.

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

2. **Motor Grader Bid Proposal**
(Resolution 0911-063)

Mr. Craine provided the Board with an analysis of the financing proposals for a five-year lease with vendor buy back at lease termination. He pointed out that each of the proposals varied somewhat from vendor to vendor. The lowest cost bid proposal was from Michigan Caterpillar. The most expensive was from JDE. Mr. Craine said that there were considerable differences among the machines and that price was an important factor but not the only one to consider.

George Messner made a detailed evaluation of bid proposals for the equipment. He stated that all vendors met spec. He also shared with the Board some of the concerns he has regarding the M Series motor grader. There was a lengthy discussion of a recent poll of county road commissions.

Staff indicated that it still had work to complete prior to making a recommendation to the Board for its consideration. Mr. Craine stated that there would be a purchase recommendation at the board meeting of November 24.

Mark Moran of Michigan Cat addressed the Board on a supplemental proposal provided by Michigan Cat that blended even higher buy backs for the existing H Series machines with the ability to exit the leases as early as the first year. He provided information regarding the updates to the M Series machine and Michigan Cat's willingness to send the operators to the factory for detailed training.

Chris Robinson of JDE provided the Board with a brief description of the John Deere equipment and the cost savings to the Road Commission in selecting this particular model. Board members thanked Mr. Moran and Mr. Robinson for their comments.

E. INFORMATION ITEMS

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

1. Clip Sheets (October 22-28, 2009)
2. Clip Sheets (October 29-November 4, 2009)
3. Clip Sheets (November 5-11, 2009)
4. Northshore Phase VII Correspondence
5. Bid Results, Old 23, Newfound Gap to Covington
6. Annual MITA Worst Roads List

F. CALL TO THE PUBLIC (2)

Kenneth Donal addressed the Board regarding a drainage problem on Stow Road north of Allen Road in Conway Township. He reviewed with the Board the history of the drain that was installed in 1977. He stated that a neighbor does not want the outlet ditch cleaned because of the loss of vegetation. He indicated that he has developed a price to install an underground tile that would drain this area but that the Conway Township board doesn't want to pay for it. There was a long discussion of options available to Mr. Donal. He was encouraged to meet with Steve Wasylyk after the meeting.

G. LEGAL

No Report

H. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1. Minutes

**a. Regular Board Meeting
October 22, 2009**

The proposed minutes of the meeting of October 22, 2009, were presented to the Board for its review and approval.

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Slayton, seconded by Commissioner Dunleavy, to approve the meeting minutes of October 22, 2009.

Ayes: Commissioners Dunleavy, Slayton.
Nays: None.
Motion Carried.

2. Bills

ACTION: It was moved by Commissioner Slayton, seconded by Commissioner Dunleavy, to approve vouchers 067353 through 067458 in the net amount of \$521,300.17.

Ayes: Commissioners Dunleavy, Slayton.
Nays: None.
Motion Carried.

3. Meetings Announced

**a. Next Regular Board Meeting
November 24, 2009 - 9:30 a.m.**

4. Financial Reports Reviewed

- a. Cash Position Statement**
- b. MTF Comparison Report**

5. Miscellaneous Road Items

Commissioner Dunleavy asked about the website. He said he noticed that a few pages needed to be updated. Mr. Craine indicated that a whole new website was being developed and that it would be deployed soon. Commissioner Dunleavy said someone told him that the Road Commission may have struck a cross culvert on Brophy Road east of Argentine during a routine grading. Mr. Wasylk said that he would follow up on the matter.

Jodie Tedesco informed the Board that all the paving was complete on the Grand River project from Lake Chemung to east of Hughes Road. Driveway approaches and catch basin tuckpointing would be completed before Thanksgiving. She also stated that all punch list items had been completed at Winans Lake/Hamburg Road and at the Hamburg Road Bridge. The engineering staff was working on projects for 2010.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chairman Slayton declared the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. Motion carried.

Signed _____
Richard I. Slayton, Vice Chairman

Signed _____
Michael Craine, Managing Director