

MINUTES
EMMET COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
HARBOR SPRINGS, MICHIGAN

The Emmet County Board of Road Commissioners met in regular session at their offices in Harbor Springs on September 8, 2008. The Chairman, Frank Zuluski, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Frank Zuluski, Leroy Sumner, and Richard Bidstrup

Staff Present: Brian Gutowski – Engineer-Manager, Brent Shank – Operations Engineer, Judy Fouch – Clerk

Guests: Bill Dohm – Little Traverse Township; Alyce Conrad – Springvale Township; Bob Sandford – West Traverse Township; Gordon Kruskie, Edith Kruskie – Island View Road; Steve Pontius – Jefferson Street

MINUTES: It was moved by Sumner, seconded by Bidstrup to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 22, 2008.

Ayes: Bidstrup, Sumner, Zuluski

Nays: None

Motion carried

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: The List of Accounts Payable, Voucher No. 0835, checks numbering from No. 29186 to No. 29245, in the amount of \$189,102.28 was presented for approval. It was moved by Sumner, seconded by Bidstrup to approve accounts payable for payment of the same.

Ayes: Bidstrup, Sumner, Zuluski

Nays: None

Motion carried

During the discussion of Accounts Payable, Mr. Zuluski recommended that Mr. Gutowski forward the bill for the legal fees pertaining to the Headlands Road litigation to the County Board since the Board of Road Commissioners felt the Road Commission should not have been involved in the issue.

PAYROLL: Voucher No. 0836 for Payroll No. 18, checks numbering from No. 38630 to No. 38691, in the amount of \$71,451.65 was presented for approval. It was moved by Sumner, seconded by Bidstrup to approve payroll for payment of the same.

Ayes: Bidstrup, Sumner, Zuluski

Nays: None

Motion carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. A one-year contract extension has now been established with MDOT after they changed the tentative five-year agreement that was negotiated between MDOT and CRAM. Ron Wohlford of the Negotiating Committee has recommended that the one year contract extension be signed. It is felt that a five year contract will be in place by mid year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. It was moved by Sumner, seconded by Bidstrup to sign the contract with Payne & Dolan for the reconstruction of Hathaway Road, from Hedrick Road to Pleasantview Road.

Ayes: Bidstrup, Sumner, Zulski
Nays: None
Motion carried

- b. It was moved by Bidstrup, seconded by Sumner to sign the contract with Resort Township for crack sealing ten roads.

Ayes: Bidstrup, Sumner, Zulski
Nays: None
Motion carried

- c. It was moved by Sumner, seconded by Bidstrup to sign the contract with H&D, Inc. for the reconstruction of Middle Road.

Ayes: Bidstrup, Sumner, Zulski
Nays: None
Motion carried

ENGINEER-MANAGER'S REPORT: The 2007 Annual Report will be presented to the County Board on September 9th. A Plan Review Meeting for the new wooden bridge on M-119 will be held in Grayling on September 24th. The project will be done sometime next year. RFP's for engineering services on the Lears Road widening project for the BIA will be reviewed at the next meeting, as well as the road name sign upgrade for local roads. A public hearing will also be held on the proposed abandonment of a portion of Lears Road, which is part of the Odawa Indian Tribe Project.

OPERATIONS ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Shank provided an update on the construction projects, noting that Van Road has been completed.

CLERK'S REPORT: The Clerk asked if the Board had considered a Safety Banquet this year. It was moved by Sumner, seconded by Zulski to authorize a Safety Banquet at the Dam Site Inn due to the low mod factor this year, with the same cost limitations as last year (not to exceed one-half of the savings on the premium reduction).

Ayes: Bidstrup, Sumner, Zulski
Nays: None
Motion carried

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS: After considering the special material applied on the Van Road project, Mr. Zulski suggested that special materials applied on future projects be applied on half of the road in order to compare the difference. It was noted that the material was applied on the entire project so that the road could be designated as an all-season road. Mr. Zulski then referred to some washouts on the road, and it was noted that seeding will be done on the edge of the road.

Gordie Kruskie asked if there was going to be a barrier to control the approach for vehicles at Rugged Road and Van Road. Mr. Gutowski stated that delineator posts will be placed there to restrict the approach, and that additional signing will be needed on the road. Mr. and Mrs. Kruskie asked about renaming and renumbering roads, explaining that Lamkin Drive and Lamkin Road have the same numbers which causes confusion. They were advised to contact Dona Kahgee of the County Equalization Department on the renumbering, and to contact the township about a road name change.

Steve Pontius of Pon-she-waiing expressed concern about a public alley that has been blocked by a resident. A violation notice was posted, but was removed. Mr. Gutowski stated that the law provides a 30-day period to correct a situation unless there is an immediate hazard. It was agreed that appropriate action will be pursued at the end of the 30-day period if the violation has not been corrected.

Bill Dohm inquired about the traffic signal scheduled to be installed on Quick Road, and was informed that the installation will be done by Wayne's Electric. Mr. Dohm then stated that there has been no activity on the David Billideau driveway on Pleasantview Road near Hathaway Road, so he felt that he should be notified that the work will be performed with his bond. Mr. Shank will check the expiration date on the permit. Mr. Dohm also inquired about the funds for the Hathaway Road project which will be received from the BIA, and the final bill on the eight paving projects in his township. Ms. Fouch indicated that the final 10% billing from the contractor on one of the roads has not been received yet so the project cannot be closed out.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chairman Zulski adjourned the meeting at 8:29 a.m.

Clerk of the Board – Judy Fouch

Date