

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 October 17, 2008. The Chairman, Frank Zulski, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

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

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

Guests: Bill Dohm – Little Traverse Township; Dennis Keiser – Bear Creek Township; Bill Wiechmann Pleasantview Township; Alyce Conrad – Springvale Township; Tammy Doernenburg – County Planning and Zoning; Ben Banfield – Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians; Clarence Hughey – Stutsmanville Salvage; Gordon Kruskie, Edith Kruskie – Island View Road

MINUTES: It was moved by Sumner, seconded by Bidstrup to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 3, 2008.

Ayes: Bidstrup, Sumner, Zulski

Nays: None

Motion carried

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: The List of Accounts Payable, Voucher No. 0841, checks numbering from No. 29345 to No. 29414, in the amount of \$386,963.89 was presented for approval. It was moved by Sumner, seconded by Bidstrup to approve accounts payable for payment of the same.

Ayes: Bidstrup, Sumner, Zulski

Nays: None

Motion carried

PAYROLL: Voucher No. 0842 for Payroll No. 21, checks numbering from No. 38805 to No. 38859, in the amount of \$63,979.97 was presented for approval. It was moved by Sumner, seconded by Bidstrup to approve accounts payable for payment of the same.

Ayes: Bidstrup, Sumner, Zulski

Nays: None

Motion carried

EQUIPMENT LOAN: It was moved by Sumner, seconded by Bidstrup to approve Disbursement Request #6 for Equipment #15 and #24 (2) 2009 Ford F350 Chassis Cab, as it relates to the Lease Purchase Facility dated 5/29/08 for Invoice #FT6174 and #FT6175, for \$39,898.28.

Ayes: Bidstrup, Sumner, Zulski

Nays: None

Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Notice of the 37th Road Commissions Association Meeting at Audie's Restaurant in Mackinaw City, on November 4, 2008.

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- b. Letter from the Tabone Family regarding a willingness to discuss a right-of-way transaction for a connector route between Cemetery Road and Eppler Road, north and west of the casino. Mr. Gutowski will talk to the Resort Township Supervisor regarding the matter.

ENGINEER-MANAGER'S REPORT: A Petoskey Area Transportation Meeting will be held on October 22nd at North Central Michigan College, to discuss road funding for access management. A Managers' Meeting was held on October 22nd where it was announced that CRAM is concerned about House Bill 1506, sponsored by the urban counties, which would change the internal formula of MTF from the number of miles to the vehicle miles traveled. The MTA Meeting was held on October 15th to discuss the ORV legislation. The meeting was well attended, and it was felt that there should be clarification on the bill due to questions raised about the ordinance. Gordon Kruskie asked whether the question of liability has been clarified. He was informed that agencies are exempt from liability and the ORV operator will be considered negligent in an accident.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Gordon Kruskie mentioned that Beckon Road, east of the new blacktop to Larks Lake Road, is in need of patching. Bill Dohm provided information on proposed legislation that could exempt waste haulers from weight restrictions. Mr. Gutowski stated that CRAM has been warning the counties about it and is opposed to the legislation. Bill Wiechmann questioned when Pleasantview Road would be capped this year, and was informed that the BIA funds designated for the work would not be available until next year. Alyce Conrad asked about the ORV Meeting held on October 15th. It was suggested at that meeting that the county hold a public forum on the ORV legislation, and they felt that it was not appropriate at this time, but Les Atchison would like input from the townships on the matter.

APPOINTMENTS:

- a. An appointment was scheduled for Mike Kirchler for a driveway violation issued to Leo Hagen on State Road, however no-one appeared for the appointment.
- b. Clarence Hughey was present to discuss a driveway violation on State Road at Stutsmanville Salvage. A notice was posted because the activity from the business has been breaking up the road and the commercial driveway has not been improved to current standards. Mr. Hughey questioned the condition of his road, asking why it has not been repaired. He felt that the activity from his business has not caused the damage to the road, and indicated that he grades his driveway every year. He added that the shoulder has deteriorated north of Harbor Auto. Mr. Sumner stated that complaints were received about the driveway and road breakup, but indicated that he would like to look at the driveway before the matter is pursued further. Mr. Bidstrup referred to a similar situation on State Road at the Stutsmanville Chapel, where commercial driveway requirements applied even though there was no heavy activity. He suggested that staff consider the cost of curb and gutter without pavement, and that the question of widening versus curbing be revisited. Board members will look at the driveway and discuss the issue further at the next meeting.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS: Mr. Bidstrup suggested that Fred Gray assist the Road Commission with public relations on the need for additional funding, noting that Mr. Gray has already agreed to do this. Mr. Zulski stated that he would like the county to help with local funding, rather than to impose a new tax on the taxpayers. The Board agreed that Mr. Gray would be a good person to work with on the matter. Ben Banfield has indicated that the BIA will likely see a cut in federal funds by at least 20%.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chairman Zulski adjourned the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Clerk of the Board – Judy Fouch

Date