

March 13, 2014

A regular meeting of the Roscommon County Board of Road Commissioners was held at 7:00 p.m., March 13, 2014 at the Road Commission office. Present: Chair Thomas McGinnis, Vice Chair Fred Chidester, Kim Akin, Clint Stauffer and Jim Porath. Also present: Manager Timothy L. O'Rourke, and Board Clerk Stefanie Simmons. Guests present: Krista Tacey-Cater – Houghton Lake Resorter, Susan Gelderbloom, Jerry Cheney, Brad Gibson, Rebekah Gibson, Jeff Jeske, Roger Saxton, and MJ and Dale Hartman.

1. Motion Porath, second Stauffer that the Agenda be approved with the addition to New Business #8 Muskegon Water Shed Agreement. All ayes. Motion carried.
2. Motion Chidester, second Porath that Minutes from the regular meeting held February 27, 2014 be approved as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.
3. Motion Akin, second Stauffer that #5 in the Minutes from the regular meeting held February 13, 2014 be corrected to read, "that was plowed by Mr. Cheney and others". All Ayes, motion carried.
4. Motion Akin, second Porath that payroll in the amount of \$69,893.46, covered by voucher #8584, be approved as presented. Roll Call Vote: Porath -Aye. Akin – Aye, Chidester – Aye. Stauffer – Aye, McGinnis – Aye. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion Porath, second Chidester that bills in the amount of \$80,362.41, covered by voucher #8585, be approved as presented. Roll Call Vote: Porath -Aye. Stauffer-Aye, Akin – Aye, Chidester – Aye. McGinnis – Aye. Nays: None. Motion carried.

5. Public Comment: Sue Gelderbloom presented before the Board regarding Sheridan Drive. She stated that they have all the signature in the 100 to 500 block and would encourage the Board to abandon the 100 to 500 blocks and treat the 600 block separately. Board thanked her for her comments. Jerry Cheney presented before the Board. He stated he was told that he was not allowed to plow snow onto the right of way without a permit. His neighbor at 459 is still plowing snow onto the right of way and Mr. Cheney wants to know if they pulled a permit. Manager O'Rourke told the Board that the neighbors had been informed that they must stop plowing snow into the right of way.
6. A light duty cost evaluation was presented to the Board. Discussion was held. A committee of Commissioner Porath, Chair McGinnis and Manager O'Rourke was formed.
7. CRAM Legislative Priorities were voted on at the annual meeting in March. A new Legislative Priority titled Rural Federal Aid Task Forces was Approved
8. Manager informed the Board that 2 CRAM Impress awards were received by the RCRC this year. Those awards were for OPEB Buyout and the Morale Program. Board asked Manager to find out who won for the "People's Choice" award.
9. February budgets were discussed.

10. Motion Akin, second Porath to table the abandonment request for Sheridan Drive, Gerrish Township. A special meeting will be scheduled before the 20 day deadline. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
11. Motion Porath, second Stauffer to accept all the tractor/mower bids and award at the next regular meeting. All Ayes. Motion carried.
12. Motion Akin, second Stauffer to allow Clerk Simmons to transfer \$300,000 from the primary road fund to the local road fund for 2013. Roll Call Vote: Porath -Aye. Akin – Aye, Chidester – Aye. Stauffer – Aye, McGinnis – Aye. Nays: None. Motion carried.
13. Motion Porath, second Chidester to allow the staff to sign the agreement with the Roscommon County Sheriff's office for weight restriction enforcement. Weight restrictions will go on approximately March 21st. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
14. Motion Chidester, second Akin to approve the new permit, policy and procedure for logging operations within Roscommon County. All Ayes. Motion carried.
15. Motion Akin, second Chidester that all insured employees receive a one-time stipend in the amount recommended by the manager, for the excellent work done and for keeping the RCRC under budget during an unusually harsh winter. Roll Call Vote: Porath -Aye. Akin – Aye, Chidester – Aye. Stauffer – Aye, McGinnis – Aye. Nays: None. Motion carried.
16. Discussion was held on PA152/PA506 and the clarification by the Michigan Department of Treasury. Due to the rule change in the middle of the policy year, all insured employees will be required to pay the over the cap amount to the RCRC by June 30, 2014.
17. Motion Akin, second Porath to allow Manager O'Rourke to sign the cooperative work agreement with the Muskegon River Watershed Assembly. All Ayes. Motion carried.
18. Correspondence: 1) CTT – Construction surveying seminar 2) MDOT – Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee 3) MDOT – US 127 Pre-Con Meeting Notice 4) MDOT – Non Winter Maintenance Notice 5) MDNR – Timber Stockpile shortages/Request 6) Rep. Rendon – Johnston Sub'd drainage district 7) Markey Township Fire Dept – Thank You 8) Tom Enright – Old Map Collection 9) MDEQ – MICORPS Stream/road crossing grant 10) MDOT – Maintenance Contract Benefit rates 11) MDOT – Pre-Con Scheduling on future projects 12) Huron Pines – Stream crossing grant letter 13) CRASIF – Call for Board of Directors Candidates 14) CRASIF – New Claims and Loss Prevention Services.
19. Manager's Report was presented.
20. Commissioner's Reports were given. Stauffer – glad to see us working on the many potholes throughout the county. Porath – Attended the CRAM annual conference where they were told about the new rules to PA152/PA560. Akin – Thank you to the staff for doing such a great job this winter. Chidester – attended the CRAM annual conference and the MCRCSIP training this morning. He attended the Recycle committee meeting and they are asking for a dumpster for alkaline batteries that are

not recyclable. He also questioned the dip on M-18. McGinnis – attended the CRAM annual conference where he voted on the Legislative Priorities.

21. Public Comments: Jeff Jeske – thanked the Commissioners for thinking of the employees and rewarding them for their hard work.

At 8:05 p.m., Chair McGinnis declared the meeting adjourned. The next regular meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., March 27, 2014, at the Road Commission Office.

(Minutes subject to Board approval)

Stefanie Simmons, Board Clerk

Thomas McGinnis, air