

OTTAWA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting

June 26, 2014

The Committee of the whole of the Board of County Road Commissioners met on Thursday, June 26, 2014 and called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairman Bird.

Present: Commissioners Bird, Palarz, Grifhorst, Miedema, Manager Laughlin,
Secretary Mikita and Utility Director Staskiewicz

Absent: Commissioner Elhart

The Board reviewed and audited the vouchers for June 26, 2014.

Representatives of Johnson Controls, Inc. addressed the Board regarding their evaluation study of Road Commission facilities.

At 9:00 a.m. the regular meeting was called to order. All present as before.

Commissioner Palarz moved to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried.

Commissioner Palarz moved to approve minutes of June 12, 2014, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried.

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$1,475,216.22, seconded by Commissioner Palarz and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Palarz, Bird, Grifhorst, and Miedema

Nays: None

Commissioner Palarz moved to approve Contract No. 14-5373 between Michigan Department of Transportation and Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Ottawa for work along Ottawa Beach Road in Park Township and authorized the signatures of the Chairman, Thomas E. Bird and Secretary Michael C. Mikita, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Bird, Palarz, Grifhorst, and Miedema

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Elhart

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to approve Contract No. 14-5299 between Michigan Department of Transportation and Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Ottawa for work along Cleveland Street and authorized the signatures of the Chairman, Thomas E. Bird and Secretary Michael C. Mikita, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Bird, Palarz, Grifhorst, and Miedema

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Elhart

Commissioner Miedema moved to approve Contract No. 14-5342 between Michigan Department of Transportation and Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Ottawa for work along Bauer Road from 24th Avenue to Cottonwood Drive and authorized the signatures of the Chairman, Thomas E. Bird and Secretary Michael C. Mikita, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Bird, Palarz, Grifhorst, and Miedema

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Elhart

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to approve the following local project estimates and authorized the Chairman's signature:

- Judson Road in Spring Lake Township.
- Micro surfacing program in Spring Lake Township.

Seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried.

Manager Laughlin reviewed the quotations for the Huizenga Intercounty Drain crossing replacement as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Quantum Construction Co.	\$69,687.00
Randall G Meyer Excavating	\$97,529.30
My-Con, Inc.	\$95,381.00
Ron Meyer & Associates Excavating	\$84,951.00

Commissioner Miedema moved to award to the low bid of Quantum Construction Co., seconded by Commissioner Palarz and carried.

Commissioner Palarz moved to approve the contract with Rieth-Riley Construction Co. for HMA Surfacing Item I – 2014, and authorized the signatures of the Chairman and Secretary, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried.

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Palarz and supported by Commissioner Grifhorst.

Whereas, the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Ottawa ("OCRC"), has the primary responsibility to provide reasonably safe roads for public travel through construction and maintenance activities.

Whereas, the primary source of revenue for the OCRC that comes from the State of Michigan through Public Act 51 of 1951 have been stagnant for several years, while inflation and costs have increased, thus reducing the amount of construction and maintenance activities needed to provide reasonably safe roads.

Whereas, the OCRC would propose a county wide road millage for the purposes of providing reasonably safe roads through reconstruction, resurfacing, and preventative maintenance.

Whereas, the OCRC would utilize the millage revenues mostly on primary roads through the strategic improvement plan process to provide reasonably safe roads through reconstruction, resurfacing, and preventative maintenance.

Whereas, the OCRC would ensure that the 100% of the millage revenues generated within a Township over the millage period be utilized to provide reasonably safe roads through reconstruction, resurfacing, and preventative maintenance on roads within the Township.

Whereas, the OCRC would encourage, support, and offer any assistance for the Townships to pursue a local road millage to provide reasonably safe roads through reconstruction, resurfacing, and preventative maintenance.

Whereas, the OCRC hereby approves a millage proposal be placed on the November 2014 ballot for the reconstruction, resurfacing, and preventative maintenance of roads under the jurisdiction of the OCRC for a period of ten years, beginning in 2015, and

Be it further resolved, that the following ballot language be used:

Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be levied against taxable property within the County of Ottawa, Michigan, as provided for by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, be increased up to the amount of \$0.50 per thousand dollars of taxable valuation (0.50 mills) for a period of ten (10) years, 2015 through 2024, inclusive, for the purposes of providing a fund for the reconstruction, resurfacing, and preventative maintenance of roads included in the Ottawa County Road System and for the reconstruction, resurfacing, and preventative maintenance of streets within the incorporated limits of villages and cities within Ottawa County, thereby raising in the first year an estimated \$5,012,875?

Yeas: Miedema, Palarz, Grifhorst, Bird

Nays: None

Commissioner Miedema moved to request deviations from the County's countywide millage policy as needed, seconded by Commissioner Palarz and carried.

At 10:00 a.m., as per advertisement for bids relating to the 168th Avenue and Johnson Street intersection and 172nd Avenue and Johnson Street from 168th Avenue to Hayes Street project, Commissioner Bird declared that the hour has come for that purpose and that all bids be opened and read publicly as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Brenner Excavating, Inc.	\$2,306,514.06
Connan, Inc.	\$2,575,552.90
Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc.	\$2,556,400.80
Schippers Excavating, Inc.	\$2,306,856.70
Wyoming Excavators, Inc.	\$3,135,207.50

Award will be made after Grand Haven Township concurs with the bid results.

Secretary Mikita reported on MTF revenues to date and current State Trunkline expenditures.

Manager Laughlin reported on the following:

- Blouw Appraisal Co. has been selected to appraise the Rosy Mound property site.
- A cost share plan with Zeeland Township for the resurfacing of 88th Avenue will be evaluated once other projects have been bid.
- As Step 4 Grievance procedure will be held July 30, 2014.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M.