

OTTAWA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting

October 31, 2013

The Committee of the whole of the Board of County Road Commissioners met on Thursday, October 31, 2013 and called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairman Bird.

Present: Commissioners Bird, Palarz, Grifhorst, Miedema, Manager Laughlin; Engineer Zarzecki, and Secretary Mikita

Absent: Commissioner Elhart

The Board reviewed and audited the vouchers for October 31, 2013.

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 October 17, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried.

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to approve payment of payroll in the amount of \$246,560.03, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Palarz, Bird, Grifhorst, and Miedema

Nays: None

Public Comment:

- County Commissioner Fenske addressed the Board regarding bicycle use of roadways.

Commissioner Palarz moved to approve the preliminary plat of Rush Creek Crossings No. 2 as submitted by the developer, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried.

Manager Laughlin presented a request to install two handicap signs along James Street near address 14285. Final decision to be made at a later date after further review.

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to approve the request to send two staff employees from the engineering department to MDOT Technical Training sessions in December and January, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried.

Commissioner Palarz moved to approve the special use permit granting weight restriction exemptions for winter maintenance operations to county roads, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried.

Secretary Mikita reported on the following:

- Current MTF revenues reported.
- State Trunkline FY2014 Budget discussions.

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to approve the 2014 Board meeting dates as presented, seconded by Commissioner Palarz and carried.

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to approve the settlement statement for the Port Sheldon Street property acquisition scheduled for November 26, 2013 and authorized Manager Laughlin to execute all related documents, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Palarz, Bird, Grifhorst, and Miedema
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Elhart

Manager Laughlin reported on the following:

- Oak Pointe Estates sign.
- Information regarding “share the road” signage.
- Discussion of tree liability in road right-of-way.

Commissioner Bird instructed staff to contact the County and recommend Tim Grifhorst as the Road Commission representative to be on the County Planning Commission.

At 10:50 a.m., Commissioner Miedema moved to go into closed session to discuss current litigation, seconded by Commissioner Palarz and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Palarz, Bird, Grifhorst, and Miedema
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Elhart

At 11:08 a.m., Commissioner Palarz moved to rise from closed session, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Palarz, Bird, Grifhorst, and Miedema
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Elhart

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 A.M.