

OTTAWA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting

September 12, 2013

The Committee of the whole of the Board of County Road Commissioners met on Thursday, September 12, 2013 and called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairman Bird.

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

Absent: None

The Board reviewed and audited the vouchers for September 5, 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 August 22, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried.

Commissioner Elhart moved to approve payment of bills of September 5, 2013 in the amount of \$1,030,233.02, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Bird, Elhart, Palarz, Grifhorst, and Miedema

Nays: None

Commissioner Elhart moved to approve Contract No. 13-5426 between the Michigan Department of Transportation and Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Ottawa for work along 96th Avenue south and north of Riley Street and authorized the signatures of the Chairman, Thomas E. Bird and Secretary Michael C. Mikita, seconded by Commissioner Palarz and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Bird, Elhart, Palarz, Grifhorst, and Miedema

Nays: None

Commissioner Miedema moved to award Ron Meyer and Associates, Inc. the culvert replacement work on Adams Street at the low quote of \$48,453.50, seconded by Commissioner Palarz and carried.

Manager Laughlin presented the proposals for Right-of-Way acquisition services on the Ottawa Beach Road at 144th Avenue project. Commissioner Miedema moved to allow Commissioner Palarz to abstain from voting, seconded by Commissioner Elhart and carried. Commissioner Miedema moved to award the acquisition services to Land Matters, LLC, seconded by Commissioner Elhart and carried.

Commissioner Miedema moved to modify benefits for the non-bargaining employees by eliminating paid health insurance at retirement for those employees hired after September 12, 2013 in order to reduce Road Commission legacy costs, seconded by Commissioner Palarz and carried.

Secretary Mikita reported on the following:

- MTF revenues received to date.
- State Trunkline maintenance expenditures to date.

At 9:30 A.M., Commissioner Palarz moved to go into closed session to discuss property acquisition, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Bird, Elhart, Palarz, Grifhorst, and Miedema

Nays: None

At 9:55 A.M., Commissioner Miedema moved to rise from closed session, seconded by Commissioner Elhart and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Bird, Elhart, Palarz, Grifhorst, and Miedema

Nays: None

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to direct staff to arrange purchase of the property at 2500 Port Sheldon Street in the amount of \$1,276,500 and to continue negotiations for the proposed Coopersville site, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Bird, Palarz, Grifhorst, and Miedema

Nays: Commissioner Elhart

At 10:00 A.M., Commissioner Miedema left the meeting.

Manager Laughlin reviewed MDOT bid results for the following projects:

- 68th Avenue at Pierce Street.
- Riley Street at Butternut Drive.
- 44th Street from west of 8th Avenue east to Kenowa Avenue.
- 96th Avenue from south of Riley Street to north of Riley Street.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 A.M.