

OTTAWA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting

February 23, 2012

The Committee of the Whole of the Board of County Road Commissioners met on Thursday, February 23, 2012 and called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Vice-Chairman Bird.

Present: Commissioners Vander Kooi, Bird, Elhart, Grifhorst, Manager Laughlin; Engineer Zarzecki, and Secretary Mikita

Absent: Commissioner Palarz

The Board reviewed and audited the vouchers for February 23, 2012.

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

Commissioner Vander Kooi moved to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried.

Commissioner Vander Kooi moved to approve minutes of February 9, 2012, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried.

Commissioner Elhart moved to approve payment of payroll in the amount of \$709,378.59 for February 9, 2012 and \$706,994.95 for February 23, 2012, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Vander Kooi, Bird, Elhart, and Grifhorst

Nays: None

Public Comment: None

Secretary Mikita reported on the following:

- Upcoming CRAM meetings.
- Report of S.W. Council meeting attended.

Secretary Mikita reported on equipment purchases to date. Commissioner Vander Kooi moved to accept bids for the arial lift equipment on March 20, 2012 at 10:00 A.M., seconded by Commissioner Elhart and carried.

Commissioner Elhart moved to direct Commissioner Vander Kooi to vote at the annual CRAM meeting on behalf of the Road Commission, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried.

Manager Laughlin reported on the following:

- Upcoming Grand Valley Metro Council luncheon.
- Meeting with Robinson Township officials regarding gravel roads.

Commissioner Vander Kooi moved to approve construction plans for the 136th Avenue from Butternut Drive to Riley Street project and authorize Board signatures on the title sheet, seconded by Commissioner Elhart and carried.

Commissioner Vander Kooi moved to approve the contract with Michigan Pavement Markings, LLC for the 2012 pavement markings and authorized the signatures of the Chairman and Secretary, seconded by Commissioner Elhart and carried.

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to accept crack sealing bids on April 10, 2012 at 10:00 A.M., seconded by Commissioner Vander Kooi and carried.

Manager Laughlin reviewed the March newsletter.

Manager Laughlin presented a drilling lease proposal which will be discussed at a later meeting.

Manager Laughlin presented an employee request regarding use of sick leave, vacation, and unpaid time during an extended absence. Commissioner Vander Kooi moved to allow the employee to use any combination of vacation, sick, or unpaid time during the FMLA period, subject to Union concurrence, seconded by Commissioner Elhart and carried.

Manager Laughlin reported on Ottawa County Drain Commission proposal for drain work on 88th Avenue which would be funded equally by the Road Commission, township, and County. Commissioner Grifhorst moved to accept the proposal, seconded by Commissioner Vander Kooi and carried.

At 10:20 A.M., Commissioner Elkhart moved to go into closed session to discuss property acquisition, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Vander Kooi, Bird, Elhart, and Grifhorst

Nays: None

At 10:48 A.M., Commissioner Vander Kooi moved to rise from closed session, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried as shown by the following call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Vander Kooi, Bird, Elhart, and Grifhorst

Nays: None

Manager Laughlin was directed to explore offer opportunities for property in Allendale Township and report back to the Board.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 A.M.