

OTTAWA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting

August 20, 2015

The Committee of the whole of the Board of County Road Commissioners met on Thursday, August 20, 2015 and called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairman Bird.

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

Absent: Commissioner Elhart

The Board reviewed and audited vouchers for August 20, 2015.

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

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

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to approve the minutes of August 6, 2015, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and carried.

Commissioner Miedema moved to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$2,631,399.12, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Bird, Grifhorst, Miedema, and Gajewski

Nays: None

Commissioner Miedema moved to approve the contract with Rieth-Riley Construction Company for HMA Surfacing Item III – 2015 and to authorize the signatures of the Chairman and Secretary, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and carried.

Manager Laughlin reviewed the facility plans and concepts for the Coopersville and Hudsonville sites which have been under consideration for many years. Sales of excess Road Commission properties and reserves of the fund balance have been designated for the past few years to establish a portion of the financial plan to fund the improvements. The Coopersville site plan is currently being developed and has been presented to the City of Coopersville Planning Commission for salt storage building approval.

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to approve the quotation from Owen Ames Kimball for architectural and engineering services for the Hudsonville maintenance facility, and to authorize Manager Laughlin to execute all related documents, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried.

Manager Laughlin presented a valid petition to abandon a portion of Cypress Street from the easterly right-of-way line of M-231 to the western right-of-way line of 120th Avenue in Crockery Township. Commissioner Grifhorst moved to accept the petition and to direct Manager Laughlin to prepare a Quit Claim Deed to transfer the Road Commission interest of the right-of-way to Crockery Township, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried.

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

Whereas, several proposed improvements (including a deceleration lane and traffic signal) to the First Avenue and Lake Michigan Drive (M-45) intersection are needed to accommodate the anticipated truck traffic resulting from an industrial development project; and

Whereas, this proposed transportation improvement project will provide safer access to the Tallmadge Industrial Park in which Agape Plastics, Inc. will invest approximately \$ 14 million in new real and personal property and create 54 jobs; and

Whereas, the Ottawa County Road Commission is supportive of the proposed transportation improvements and this industrial development project; and

Whereas, the Michigan Transportation Economic Development Fund was enacted to provide increased revenues to meet economic development demands placed on highways, roads and streets;

Now, Therefore, Be it resolved that the Ottawa County Road Commission approves of the submittal of a Michigan Transportation Economic Development Fund Category A Grant Application for the proposed First Avenue & Lake Michigan Drive Intersection Improvements Project in the amount of \$ 127,600 (80 percent of the Participating Costs) with a local cash match of \$ 57,400 (and Non-Participating Costs) to be secured and provided by Tallmadge Charter Township; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the improved First Avenue and Lake Michigan Drive intersection will continue to be maintained by the Ottawa County Road Commission and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Yeas: Commissioner Gajewski, Miedema, Grifhorst, and Bird

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Elhart

Resolution declared adopted.

Secretary Mikita reported on the following:

- State Trunkline maintenance budget revisions
- Upcoming meeting schedules

Manager Laughlin Reported on the following:

- Quarterly Meeting held with County Officials

Manager Laughlin presented an email from a Georgetown Township resident requesting the replacement of the driveway approach with concrete instead of asphalt. After discussion and review of the policy, the Board directed staff to follow policy and restore the driveway approach with asphalt.

Manager Laughlin presented and reviewed the 2015 road program projects.

Manager Laughlin presented the September newsletter.

Manager Laughlin presented the proposed sick leave policy for non-bargaining unit employees. After consideration and discussion, the matter was tabled for further discussion.

Manager Laughlin reviewed comments received to date on the proposed Strategic Improvement Plan for 2016-2021.

Commissioner Bird discussed the meeting held at Park Township, with Road Commission staff, to discuss Ottawa Beach Road concerns.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M.