

OTTAWA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting

October 25, 2018

The Committee of the whole of the Board of County Road Commissioners met on Thursday, October 25, 2018 and called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Vice-Chairman Elhart.

Present: Commissioners Gajewski, Elhart, Grifhorst, Manager Laughlin, Public Utility Director Staskiewicz, and Finance Director Fairchild

Absent: Commissioner Bird and Miedema

The Board reviewed and audited vouchers for October 25, 2018.

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 October 11, 2018 as presented, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and carried.

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,559,594.10, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Gajewski, Grifhorst, and Elhart

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Bird and Miedema

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to approve the final plat of Eagles Ridge as presented, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and carried.

Commissioner Gajewski moved to approve a public hearing date of November 8th at 10:00am for the proposed improvements to Johnson Street in Robinson Township, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried.

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to approve MDOT Contract 18-5429 between Michigan Department of Transportation and Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Ottawa for non-motorized path improvements along Cottonwood Drive and 10th Avenue and authorized the signatures of the Vice-Chairman, Thomas J. Elhart, and Managing Director, Brett A. Laughlin, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Gajewski, Grifhorst, and Elhart

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Bird and Miedema

Commissioner Gajewski moved to approve MDOT Contract 18-5459 between Michigan Department of Transportation and Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Ottawa for sidewalk improvements along Riley Street and authorized the signatures of the Vice-Chairman, Thomas J. Elhart, and Managing Director, Brett A. Laughlin, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Gajewski, Grifhorst, and Elhart

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Bird and Miedema

Commissioner Grifhorst moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Ottawa County Road Commission has submitted an application to the Michigan Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program for Grand River Greenway Trail Phase II (GVSU to Grand Ravines Connector) Project.

WHEREAS, the MDOT Transportation Alternatives Program has given a conditional commitment for the Grand River Greenway Trail Phase II.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Ottawa County Road Commission agrees to be the ACT 51 agent for Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission and act as their sponsor.
2. The Ottawa County Road Commission has secured the project financing including the local match for construction for the portion of the project within Ottawa County.
3. Future maintenance of the trail for the portion within Ottawa County will be performed by Ottawa County Parks and Recreation Commission.
4. The Board of County Road Commissioners, County of Ottawa authorizes Brett Laughlin to act as the agency's agent for the portion of the project within Ottawa County.

Seconded by Commissioner Gajewski, and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Gajewski, Grifhorst, and Elhart

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Bird and Miedema

Commissioner Gajewski moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Ottawa, by execution of this resolution, hereby consents to and authorizes the taking of the following action and waives any notice which may be required in connection herewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Ottawa seeks state and federal transportation funds from the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council in the amounts for the following projects:

48th Avenue: Bauer Road to Pierce Street – FY2021 STP Funding
Resurface existing.

\$778,750 Federal Share

\$333,750 Local Match

\$1,112,500 Total Participating Construction Costs
\$55,000 Engineering and Miscellaneous Costs
\$1,167,500 Total Project Cost

8th Avenue: Jackson Street to Port Sheldon Street – FY2021 STP Funding
Resurface existing.

\$644,000 Federal Share
\$276,000 Local Match
\$920,000 Total Participating Construction Costs
\$46,000 Engineering and Miscellaneous Costs
\$966,000 Total Project Cost

Fillmore Street & Cottonwood Dr: 48th Avenue to Taylor St – FY2022 STP Funding
Resurface existing.

\$1,300,000 Federal Share
\$658,000 Local Match
\$1,958,000 Total Participating Construction Costs
\$95,000 Engineering and Miscellaneous Costs
\$2,053,000 Total Project Cost

18th Avenue & 20th Avenue: Chicago Drive to Bauer Road – FY2023 STP Funding
Resurface existing.

\$700,000 Federal Share
\$275,000 Local Match
\$975,000 Total Participating Construction Costs
\$30,000 Engineering and Miscellaneous Costs
\$1,005,000 Total Project Cost

Riley Street: 32nd Avenue to 24th Avenue – FY2023 STP Funding
Resurface + add 3' paved shoulder.

\$300,000 Federal Share
\$175,000 Local Match
\$475,000 Total Participating Construction Costs
\$20,000 Engineering and Miscellaneous Costs
\$495,000 Total Project Cost

Seconded by Commissioner Elhart, and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Gajewski, Grifhorst, and Elhart

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Bird and Miedema

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to allow a seasonal weight restriction exemption for all employees and contractors performing winter maintenance operations on county roads as directed by the Road Commission, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and carried.

Commissioner Gajewski moved the following:

The removal of a satellite dish which is located within the public right of way on the west side of Lakeshore Avenue approximately 100 feet north of Riley Street in Section 9, T 5 N, R 16 W, Park Township, Ottawa County was considered.

After due consideration of the obstruction that is created by the satellite dish and its location being approximately 21 feet from the centerline of Lakeshore Avenue, the right-of-way of Lakeshore Avenue being 33 feet from centerline, said satellite dish is creating an encroachment and obstruction within the meaning of Act 368 of Public Acts for the State of Michigan for the year 1925 as amended. Likewise, per the Ottawa County Road Commission Procedures and Regulations, private utilities (such as a satellite dish) are not permitted within the road right-of-way.

It is ordered that said satellite dish be removed within thirty (30) days from the aforementioned roadway or in the event of failure to remove said satellite dish, the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Ottawa will remove said obstruction from the aforementioned roadway and assess the expense and penalties against the property owner in accordance with the statutes.

Seconded by Commissioner Elhart, and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Gajewski, Grifhorst, and Elhart

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Bird and Miedema

Commissioner Gajewski moved to approve the traffic survey report for the intersection of Fillmore Street at 68th Avenue as presented, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried.

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to approve the traffic survey report for the intersection of Mason/24th Street at Country Club Road and the related Traffic Control Order No. 916:

In accordance with law, we have jointly caused to be investigated traffic conditions in the Township of Holland in Ottawa County and hereby direct the Ottawa County Road Commission to install and maintain STOP signs in conformance with the Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, which give notice of the following regulations:

STOPPING northbound traffic on Country Club Road at Mason Street
STOPPING westbound traffic on Mason Street at Country Club Road

It is directed that this order be filed in the office of the County Clerk of Ottawa County and in the office of the Board of County Road Commissioners of said County and a copy furnished to the Michigan Department of State Police.

Seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and carried.

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to approve the traffic survey report for the intersection of Quincy Street at 136th Avenue as presented, seconded by Commissioner Gajewski and carried.

Commissioner Gajewski moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Roads are the backbone to the social, cultural and economic stability of Ottawa County and our region; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 396 (S-5) passed and reported out of the Senate Transportation Committee on September 6, 2018, allows exemptions from seasonal weight restrictions (also known as “frost laws”) to the forest product industry during the spring thaw when roads are the most vulnerable to damage from heavy loads; and

WHEREAS, It is a fact in Ottawa County and throughout all Northern states that roads become soft in the spring as frost melts, and applying unrestricted 164,000-pound truck loading and traffic on soft roads,

whether paved or unpaved, is poor public policy that defies common sense when it comes to road preservation, and will lead to significant damage to the road system, economic damage in Ottawa County and increased risk to drivers in our region; and

WHEREAS, SB-396 also grants exemptions to the forest industry that will allow the hauling of forest products and transport of equipment on the public road system without obtaining proper permits from road authorities at all times of the year; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of SB 396 *will result in costly damage to the public road system which is the opposite of what the Michigan Legislature and the people of Michigan called for in the 2015 Michigan Transportation Package*; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of SB 396 *will negatively impact the traveling public* accessing the road system, burdening road authorities with expensive reactive maintenance repairs and significantly increased taxpayer costs, as well as increased county and township contributions to maintain the public road system; and

WHEREAS, the provisions in SB 396 and subsequent impacts to the local road system will negatively impact the health, safety and welfare of Ottawa County residents and the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, the Ottawa County Road Commission and the other county road agencies work closely with the logging industry to accommodate this valuable contributor to the Michigan economy, while also continuously monitoring road conditions and permitting the logging industry to move equipment and material on roads when the roads can structurally support such loading without negatively impacting the road system and the traveling public;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ottawa County Road Commission hereby strongly opposes SB 396 (S-5); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a vote hereon be taken by aye and nay and spread at large on the minutes of the Board.

Seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst, and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Gajewski, Grifhorst, and Elhart

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioners Bird and Miedema

Managing Director Laughlin presented the following:

- 2018 construction projects update
- November Newsletter
- Meeting with MDOT
- SW Council Meeting

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.