

# OTTAWA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

## Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting

November 27, 2013

The Committee of the whole of the Board of County Road Commissioners met on Thursday, November 27, 2013 and called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairman Bird.

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

Absent: Commissioner Grifhorst

The Board reviewed and audited the vouchers for November 15 and 27, 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 November 14, 2013 and Park Township Work Session of November 25, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried.

Commissioner Elhart moved to approve payment of bills for November 14, 2013 in the amount of \$881,778.81 and payroll for November 27, 2013 in the amount of \$2,153,814.88, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Palarz, Bird, Elhart, and Miedema

Nays: None

Commissioner Elhart, 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 Enhancement Committee (herein after "MDOT TE Committee) for the Macatawa Greenway Non-Motorized Path Project.

Whereas, the MDOT TE Committee has given a conditional commitment for the Macatawa Greenway Non-Motorized Path Project.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

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

The motion was supported by Commissioner Miedema, and carried by the following votes:

Yeas: Commissioners Palarz, Bird, Elhart, and Miedema

Nays: None

Absent: Grifhorst

Commissioner Palarz moved to approve Traffic Control Order# 872 for:

- Stopping southbound traffic on Apple Drive at Cleveland Street.
- Stopping southbound traffic on Cory Drive at Van Buren Street.

Seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried.

Manager Laughlin presented a traffic survey report for a traffic signal survey at 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Cleveland Street in Crockery Township.

Based on a comparison of historical traffic volumes at the 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue / Cleveland Street intersection to those of similar type intersections in Ottawa County it was determined that none of the warrants would be met for determining the need for Stop and Go Traffic Signal control. A review of the traffic volumes indicates the intersection should operate at a Level of Service C or better for all hours of the day with 4-Way Stop control.

Recognizing that installation of a traffic signal often increases both the number and severity of traffic crashes, it would be difficult to justify permanent installation of a Stop and Go Traffic Signal at this time.

An overhead 4-Way Red Intersection Control Beacon was provided at the 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue / Apple Drive / Cleveland Street intersection prior to the reconstruction. It may be beneficial to install a new overhead 4-Way Red Intersection Control Beacon at the new reconstructed 4-Way Stop intersection due to the wide curb openings and number of lanes at the intersection.

Based on the review of traffic counts, analysis of traffic control warrants, intersection characteristics, on-site inspection and traffic crash reports it is recommended:

1. Remove temporary Stop and Go Traffic Signal and revert to 4-Way Stop traffic control at the intersection.
2. Install an overhead Intersection Control Beacon (4-Way Red).
3. If traffic volumes and/or collision experience increase substantially then the intersection should again be studied.

The traffic survey report was accepted by Commissioner Miedema, seconded by Commissioner Palarz and carried.

Secretary Mikita reported on the following:

- Winter salt deliveries to date.
- Review of dump truck bids taken November 19, 2013 with recommendation to be made December 12, 2013.

Manager Laughlin reported on the following:

- Work session held with Park Township Board.
- 2013 Drain Assessment review.

At 10:15 A.M., Commissioner Elhart 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 Palarz, Bird, Elhart, and Miedema

Nays: None

At 10:25 A.M., Commissioner Miedema moved to rise from closed session, seconded by Commissioner Palarz and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Palarz, Bird, Elhart, and Miedema

Nays: None

Commissioner Miedema moved to authorize Managing Director, Brett Laughlin, or Finance Director, Michael Mikita, to execute all related documents at the closing for the 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue property, seconded by Commissioner Palarz and carried.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.