

OTTAWA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting

January 26, 2012

The Committee of the Whole of the Board of County Road Commissioners met on Thursday, January 26, 2012 and called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairman Palarz.

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

Absent: None

The Board reviewed and audited the vouchers for January 26, 2012.

A PowerPoint of the Coopersville and Hudsonville facilities was presented.

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 Elhart and carried.

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to approve minutes of January 12, 2012, seconded by Commissioner Vander Kooi and carried.

Commissioner Bird moved to approve payment of bills and payroll in the amount of \$1,601,919.42, seconded by Commissioner Vander Kooi and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Public Comment:

Laird Schaefer addressed the Board to communicate legislative issues to the public.

Secretary Mikita reported on the following:

- Salt purchases to date and overtime report.
- State trunkline expenditures.

Secretary Mikita presented revision #4 of the Policies with Procedures #22, Sick Leave, Bereavement, Benefits for full-time non-bargaining unit employees. Commissioner Vander Kooi moved to approve revision #4 as corrected, seconded by Commissioner Bird and carried.

Manager Laughlin reported on the following:

- S.W. Council meeting to be held February 13, 2012.
- Quarterly County meeting.
- Meeting with area Legislators regarding the West Spring Lake Road bridge funding.
- MDOT Category F funds regarding Jackson Street in Wright Township.
- Discussion regarding seasonal weight restrictions.

Manager Laughlin reported on the following matters relating to the Tree Legacy issue:

- Response to John Nash, Chair of Tree Legacy Committee.
- Correspondence to AASHTO.

Commissioner Vander Kooi 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 waive 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 Macatawa Area Coordinating Council in the amounts for the following projects:

96th Avenue/Riley Street Intersection – FY2013 – CMAQ Funding
Intersection Improvements including dedicated right turn lanes.
\$387,000 Federal Share
\$157,378 Local Match
\$544,378 Total Construction Costs
\$80,000 Engineering and Miscellaneous Costs
\$624,378 Total Project Cost

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

Yeas: Palarz, Bird, Elhart, Grifhorst, Vander Kooi

Nays: None

Attorney Karl Butterer of Smith Haughey Rice & Roegge joined the meeting.

At 10:20 A.M., Commissioner Bird moved to go into closed session to discuss current litigation, seconded by Commissioner Elhart and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

At 11:20 A.M., Commissioner Vander Kooi moved to rise from closed session, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Commissioner Elhart moved to direct Manager Laughlin to assist with the Ottawa County Parks & Recreation Commission in developing documents for the Upper Macatawa Natural Area non-motorized funding application request, seconded by Commissioner Bird and carried.

Commissioner Bird moved to direct Manager Laughlin to assist in developing the programming documents for the proposed Quincy Street non-motorized path project in Holland Township, seconded by Commissioner Vander Kooi and carried.

Manager Laughlin reviewed garage facilities and suggested alternatives being studied. Commissioner Vander Kooi moved to direct Manger Laughlin to re-present the original offer made for 20 acres in Allendale Township. Commissioner Grifhorst moved to allow Commissioner Elhart to abstain from voting, regarding an employment conflict, seconded by Commissioner Bird and carried. Original motion seconded by Commissioner Bird and carried with one abstention.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 P.M.