

# OTTAWA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

## Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting

**March 21, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners met on Thursday, March 21, 2013 and called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairman Bird.

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

Absent: None

The Board reviewed and audited the vouchers for March 21, 2013.

Commissioner Palarz moved to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Elhart and carried.

Commissioner Palarz moved to approve minutes of March 8, 2013, seconded by Commissioner Elhart and carried.

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$893,387.65, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Miedema, Palarz, Bird, Elhart, and Grifhorst

Nays: None

Ken Bosma of Prein and Newhof joined the meeting to present a deviation request on behalf of Holland Township. Commissioner Elhart moved to approve the deviation requested for the location of watermain placement on 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Quincy Street to New Holland Street, seconded by Commissioner Palarz and carried.

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to approve Contract No. 13-5049 between Michigan Department of Transportation and the Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Ottawa for resurfacing work along James Street from 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue to US-31 in Holland Township, and authorized the signatures of the Chairman, Thomas E. Bird and Secretary, Michael C. Mikita, seconded by Commissioner Elhart and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Miedema, Palarz, Bird, Elhart, and Grifhorst

Nays: None

Commissioner Palarz moved to approve the local road estimate for the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue project in Jamestown Township and authorized the signature of the Chairman, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried.

Commissioner Elhart moved to approve the final plat of Lowing Woods No. 6 in Georgetown Township, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried.

Commissioner Palarz moved to approve the contract with Michigan Pavement Markings, LLC for the 2013 pavement markings and authorized the signatures of the Chairman and Secretary, seconded by Commissioner Elhart and carried.

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to accept bids for the Jackson Street project on June 13, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Elhart and carried.

Manager Laughlin presented the following traffic survey reports:

**Speed Limit Survey: Winans Street - 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue to US-31 in Grand Haven Township**

Based on the joint field review, roadway characteristics, collision history and speed study, the survey team concluded the existing 55 mph statewide speed limit should be modified and that a traffic control order providing for a 50 mph speed limit be issued. Grand Haven Township Manager, Bill Cargo, concurred with the survey team's recommendation.

**Speed Limit Survey: Taft Street – 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue to a point 0.77 mile east of 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

Based on the joint field review, roadway characteristics, collision history and speed study, the survey team concluded the existing 55 mph statewide speed limit should be modified and that a traffic control order providing for a 45 mph speed limit be issued. Crockery Township Supervisor, Leon Stille, concurred with the survey team's recommendation.

**Speed Limit Survey: 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue to M-45 to Pierce Street in Allendale Township**

Based on the joint field review, roadway characteristics, collision history and speed study, the Michigan State Police and the Ottawa County Road Commission concluded the existing 55 mph statewide speed limit could be modified and posted at 50 mph from M-45 to a point ½ mile south of M-45. Allendale Township Supervisor, Jerry Alkema, prefers a 45 mph posted speed limit or to retain the unposted 55 mph speed limit. Because there is not a unanimous agreement on the recommendation the existing speed limit shall remain unchanged.

Commissioner Elhart moved to accept the traffic survey reports as presented, seconded by Commissioner Palarz and carried.

Commissioner Elhart moved to approve the following traffic control orders:

**Traffic Control Order No. S70-65-12:**

A speed limit of fifty (50) miles per hour on Winans Street from 168<sup>th</sup> Avenue to US-31.

**Traffic Control Order No. S70-66-12:**

A speed limit of forty-five (45) miles per hour on Taft Street from 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue to a point 0.77 miles east of 144<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried.

Secretary Mikita reviewed winter maintenance costs to date.

Manager Laughlin reported on the following:

- Correspondence received regarding an issue on Fillmore Street and general paving requests.
- Attendance at the Georgetown Township board meeting on March 25, 2013.
- Township Supervisor meeting scheduled for March 27, 2013.

Manager Laughlin reviewed the 2013 road programs.

At 10:06 A.M., Commissioner Palarz moved to go into closed session to discuss union negotiations, seconded by Commissioner Miedema and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Miedema, Palarz, Bird, Elhart, and Grifhorst

Nays: None

At 10:53 A.M., Commissioner Elhart moved to rise from closed session, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Miedema, Palarz, Bird, Elhart, and Grifhorst

Nays: None

Commissioner Miedema moved to approve the contract with Dan Hoe Excavating, Inc. for the 88<sup>th</sup> Avenue – north of Riley Street project subject to staff review, approval of the bonds and insurance, and authorized the signatures of the Chairman and Secretary, seconded by Commissioner Elhart and carried.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 A.M.