

OTTAWA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

Regular and Committee of the Whole Meeting

April 19, 2012

The Committee of the Whole of the Board of County Road Commissioners met on Thursday, April 19, 2012 and called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairman Palarz.

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

Absent: Commissioner Elhart

The Board reviewed and audited the vouchers for April 19, 2012.

Representatives of Lighthouse Insurance Group addressed the Board regarding the health insurance renewal of June 1 and of various options available. Further information will be presented at a later meeting.

At 9:20 A.M., the regular meeting was called to order. All present as before.

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

Commissioner Bird moved to approve minutes of April 5, 2012, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried.

Commissioner Vander Kooi moved to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$1,681,253.76, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Secretary Mikita discussed changing meeting times and what other road commissions do. Further discussion of the issue will be at a future meeting.

Secretary Mikita reviewed the results of the used equipment and parts sale held April 17.

Manager Laughlin reported on the following:

- Correspondence received from MDEQ regarding approval of the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Procedures adopted.
- Review of MDOT bids received for 136th Avenue project.
- Township officials meeting to be held May 2 and Quarterly County officials meeting to be held April 27.
- MDOT meeting regarding M-231 jurisdictional changes.

Commissioner Bird moved to approve construction plans for the proposed project on Bauer Road from 56th Avenue to 24th Avenue and authorized Board signatures.

Commissioner Bird moved to approve Contract No. 12-5101 between Michigan Department of Transportation and Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Ottawa for paving work along Byron Road from 64th Avenue easterly to 48th Avenue, and authorized the signatures of the Chairman, Thomas A. Palarz and Secretary, Michael C. Mikita, seconded by Commissioner Vander Kooi and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Elhart

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to approve Contract No. 12-5152 between Michigan Department of Transportation and Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Ottawa for non-motorized pathway work along Quincy Street from 112th Avenue to Jim Kaat Baseball Park, and authorized the signatures of the Chairman, Thomas A. Palarz and Secretary, Michael C. Mikita, seconded by Commissioner Vander Kooi and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Elhart

Commissioner Bird moved to award the Overband Crack Fill bid to the low bid of Scodeller Construction, seconded by Commissioner Vander Kooi and carried.

Managing Director Laughlin presented the application for Local Bridge Funds for the replacement of the bridge crossing of State Road over North Branch of Crockery Creek.

Upon review of the application, Commissioner Bird moved to actively seek funding for participation in the replacement of the structure, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Elhart

Managing Director Laughlin presented the application for Local Bridge Funds for the preventative maintenance of the bridge crossing of Quincy Street Bridge over Black Creek.

Upon review of the application, Commissioner Grifhorst moved to actively seek funding for participation in the preventative maintenance of the structure, seconded by Commissioner Bird and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Elhart

Managing Director Laughlin presented the application for Local Bridge Funds for the preventative maintenance of the bridge crossing of 96th Avenue Bridge over Bass Creek.

Upon review of the application, Commissioner Bird moved to actively seek funding for participation in the preventative maintenance of the structure, seconded by Commissioner Vander Kooi and carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Palarz, Bird, Vander Kooi, and Grifhorst
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Elhart

Managing Director Laughlin presented the application for Local Bridge Funds for the preventative maintenance of the bridge crossing of Adams Street Bridge over Black River Tributary.

Upon review of the application, Commissioner Grifhorst moved to actively seek funding for participation in the preventative maintenance of the structure, seconded by Commissioner Bird and carried by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Palarz, Bird, Vander Kooi, and Grifhorst
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioner Elhart

Commissioner Grifhorst moved to award the low quote of Randall Meyer Excavating in the amount of \$8,726.50 for repairs on Byron Road at 64th Avenue.

Manager Laughlin reviewed the May newsletter.

Manager Laughlin presented a traffic survey report for 144th Avenue at State Road in the Townships of Spring Lake and Crockery.

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

1. Continue present north/south stop control at the intersection.
2. If traffic volumes and/or collision experience increase substantially then the intersection should again be studied.

Commissioner Vander Kooi moved to accept the report as presented, seconded by Commissioner Bird and carried.

Manager Laughlin reported that only one proposal was received for a website upgrade. Additional proposals will be sought for further review.

At 11:10 A.M., Commissioner Bird moved to go into closed session to discuss property acquisition, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

Yeas: Commissioners Palarz, Bird, Vander Kooi, and Grifhorst
Nays: None

At 12:03 P.M., Commissioner Bird moved to rise from closed session, seconded by Commissioner Grifhorst and carried as shown by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Commissioner Vander Kooi moved to direct staff to continue to negotiate for the Allendale parcel with a 180 day approval period, seconded by Commissioner Bird and carried.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 A.M.