

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHEBOYGAN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION MARCH 25, 2014

Chairman Brandt called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Clerk D. Stempky took roll call and a Quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

PRESENT: D. Brandt, D. Brown, C. O'Connor, J. Johnson, K. Paquet, Managing Director M. Roper and Clerk D. Stempky

VISITORS: J. Moore, F. Cribb, S. Redmond, G. Bunker, M. Sarrault, C. Veneros, D. DeVore, C. Ford, and D. Tohm

MOTION by K. Paquet seconded by J. Johnson to approve minutes of last regular meeting of March 11, 2014 as mailed. 5 Yeas **CARRIED**

MOTION by J. Johnson seconded by D. Brown to approve for payment current payroll voucher #14-10-\$72,513.77 and accounts payable voucher #14-11-\$277,171.25. 5 Yeas **CARRIED**

MOTION by J. Johnson seconded by D. Brown to approve agenda as presented. 5 Yeas **CARRIED**

Discussion of whether to place a County Wide Millage on the Ballot for August. There is no new money expected from Lansing in the long term. Current money being given to the Road Commissions help with current short falls from the harsh winter. Brandt has heard some comments from the public they would rather drive on the roads as they are and not pay a tax to fix. Paquet commented public needs to be educated for this millage proposal to pass. Brown commented we will need to work together as an organization. Johnson commented first time around he did not support a millage, but feels we have made all the changes feasible at this time and education will be the key. Sessions need to be held to discuss why we need this millage and what it will be used for. Public needs to be aware of what roads we take care of and which ones we do not maintain, such as the City of Cheboygan. Public needs to be aware their property taxes do not go to the road commission.

MOTION by K. Paquet seconded by D. Brown to proceed with a County Wide millage request for the August 2014 Ballot placement. Roll Call: Brandt-yes, Brown-yes, O'Connor- yes, Johnson-yes, Paquet-yes **CARRIED**

Ken Paquet and James Johnson will be a part of the Campaign Committee.

R. LaHaie entered meeting for Discussion of Grievance Step #4-Mechanic overtime. Daren Tohm, Chief Steward, discussed grievance, "B" Foreman had been called in on a Sunday to supervise a truck retrieval due to a truck resting on its side, Foreman came in to help in training a newer employee in the wrecker and insure safety on the job and to insure minimal damage was done to our equipment. R. LaHaie filed grievance when he was not called in for the overtime while a Mechanic was already working overtime on trucks that day. Union feels all mechanics should have been given the chance for the overtime before the "B Foreman was given overtime. C. O'Connor does not feel a three man wrecker crew was necessary. M. Roper commented a Foreman was overseeing the operation and did not perform any mechanic work nor did he operate the wrecker. He was there to supervise for training purposes and insure safety on a difficult truck retrieval job. It is routine for a Foreman to oversee an operation and should not be different for a mechanic Foreman. Feels Marty worked in proper way. Marty commented with the situation he would have come in to oversee the operation whoever was working that day.

MOTION by J. Johnson seconded by K. Paquet to deny grievance #3414, 1325.7 from 2.23.14 Mechanic Overtime filed by Rick LaHaie. 5 Yeas **CARRIED**

Tuscarora Township DDA wants to move forward on the parking lot planned next to the Chamber Building, before the S. Straits Hwy reconstruction project is started. Managing Director commented a driveway permit will be needed as any other work in the right of way.

Annual Bids were opened on March 17, 2014 and tabulated. Managing Director noted the brine prices will be up due to Team Services not bidding this year.

MOTION by D. Brown seconded by K. Paquet to accept all annual bids and award in the best interest of the Road Commission, all bid tabulations on file in the office. 5 Yeas CARRIED

FMLA request received from Brian Bur-He has surgery scheduled for April 18, 2014 and will be off for approximately 4-5 months. Clerk commented all paperwork has been received and FMLA runs concurrently with his sick/vacation/personal leave. If he runs out of time he may be back to ask for medical leave of absence at a later date.

MOTION by J. Johnson seconded by C. O'Connor to approve FMLA request of Brian Bur, effective April 18 2014, for shoulder surgery as presented. 5 Yeas CARRIED

Discussion of public entering the facilities that are not open to the public for regular office hours. Buildings will be locked that do not have office hours and signage needs to be placed. Discussion of purchasing cameras and a DVR to be placed at the garages, Johnson will donate his time to install the equipment if purchased.

*Res. Packet
4/18/14
Minutes*
MOTION by D. Brandt seconded by C. O'Connor to request all doors to the buildings will be locked except for the main office during office hours, signage to be placed to that affect and J. Johnson will gather quote for purchase of cameras and DVR for the garages. 5 Yeas CARRIED

E/W Resort Road review was received from our Attorney. Attorney feels we would prevail if suit was brought against the Road Commission for this location of the 66 feet of ROW. The Road Commission proposed 45 feet deeded right of way be given to the Road Commission from residents as well as allow a seasonal dock to be placed at the site, the residents are not willing to accept the seasonal dock placement. Managing Director Roper commented the 45' ROW width is sufficient to accommodate what we have there. The residents will have document prepared for the 45' and no structure, and we will have our attorney review. There will still be access to the lake. Paquet feels we need to make sure we can still maintain the site with the agreed upon terms.

MOTION by K. Paquet seconded by C O'Connor to have the residents of E/W Resort Road public access have a deed drawn up for a 45' feet of right of way and have our attorney review. 5 Yeas CARRIED

Dick deVore, resident of E/W Resort road would also like to see no parking signs placed on one side of the road. Managing Director Roper commented that has to be handled through the State Police for the no parking request and may not happen as all.

Parrott's Point Road end recommendation of the attorney was the Road Commission could relinquish jurisdiction of the ½ that is not platted. Attorney recommended the ½ that is platted stay as is due to the fact the Courts could take that away and it would be lost to both parties.

MOTION by J. Johnson seconded by D. Brown to hold Public Hearing Thursday, May 1, 2014 at 9:00 A.M. to discuss relinquishment of jurisdiction of its interest in the right of way of the unplatted portion of Parrotts Point Road Access to Koehler Township as requested of Koehler Township Board. 5 Yeas CARRIED

MOTION by D. Brown seconded by J. Johnson to receive and file the following correspondence: Township Minutes of Koehler 2/10/14 and 3/10/14, Ellis 2/11/14; Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners Minutes of 2/11/14 and 2/25/14; Munro Township request for estimates; David Whittaker FOIA request; Specialty Claims denial letter for a claim; and Safety Committee Minutes of 3/12/14 and incident forms. 5 yeas **CARRIED**

Cary Ford, Wilmot Township Clerk, inquired as to the Allen Creek Road project. Discussed the advertisement went out for contractors and when those are received if it is more than the Township wants to spend the project will not proceed.

Purchasing Policy was discussed, Marty has made revisions and will be presented at a later date for consideration.

C. O'Connor commented drivers need to slow down and make better decisions with the expensive machinery we have, learn by people's mistakes and make changes so those things don't happen again. Foreman will pass on information to crew.

Managing Director discussed the Local Task Force that took place on the past Tuesday, Illustrated List of projects was discussed and will be submitted, Friday, April 4, 2014 at 10:00 A.M. at the Rural Task Meeting.

Brandt would like the substance abuse policy reviewed and make sure it is up to date. Managing Director will look into this.

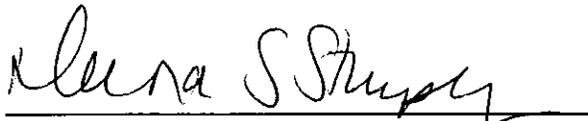
Brown would like a list of properties the Road Commission owns and make a decision to keep or sell. Managing Director will get a list together to review.

MOTION by D. Brandt seconded by D. Brown to authorize the Campaign Committee to present the Ballot proposal to the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners for a four (4) year County Wide Road Millage. 5 Yeas **CARRIED**

Chairman Brandt adjourned regular meeting at 10:45 A.M. being no further business to come before the Board.



David F. Brandt, Chairman



Dana S. Stempky, Clerk