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WEXFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

OUR MISSION IS TO IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN A SAFE AND EFFICIENT ROAD SYSTEM

Regular Meeting

August 28, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Harry Hagstrom, at 7:30 a.m.

Roll Call: Present – Falan, Hilty, Leggett, Hagstrom
Absent - Jurik

Also Present:

Engineer/Manager: Karl Hanson
Finance and Business Manager: Annie Strom
Superintendent: Tim Schonert
Assistant Superintendent: Brad Harris
Fleet & Facilities Manager: Travis Smith

Visitor(s): Brian Potter, Ben Bigelow, Ken Bigelow

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to approve the July 31, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

Public Comment: none

County Board Liaison: Mr. Potter commented he had a citizen ask about maintaining a private road because it was paved. He informed the citizen that no matter the structure of the road, private roads are not maintained.

Previous Business: none

New Business:

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by commissioner Falan to award the Boon Road salt shed roof replacement to low bidder Bigelow Exterior.

Mr. Ben Bigelow explained the pro-rated and non-pro-rated warranty options and the difference between the fastener upgrade options.

A motion was made by Commissioner Falan and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to award the Boon Rd salt shed roof replacement to low bidder Bigelow Exteriors with the option for the non-pro-rated warranty and the upgraded fastener. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to award the M-37 approach paving TWA to low bidder American Asphalt.

Mr. Falan inquired as to how many approaches were being paved. Mr. Hanson stated he believed around 16-17 however MDOT is looking to potentially add additional approaches.

Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Falan and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to purchase automatic flagging system and hands-free radio system.

Mr. Hanson explained what and how the automatic flagging system and hands-free radios work.

Commenting on the need due to increased accidents due to distracted drivers and the high rate of speeds they travel. He noted the instance of the broom operator being rear-end.

Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A discussion took place regarding the cold storage roof and lean-to addition versus a free-standing structure. The original plan was to fix the existing roof and add (3) lean-to on the building. During the bid process, it was found this would increase the square footage to a threshold that would require a fire suppression system to be installed. The new option would be to build a free-standing structure, under the fire suppression system threshold, between the existing building and the salt barn for the purpose of storing equipment in the winter. Mr. Smith gave the board members some rough figures as to the cost and would prepare a bid to get firm prices. Mr. Hanson stated that the budgeted capital outlay account does have funds available since the truck purchases have been pushed to future years because of the manufacturing delay. Mr. Hanson also commented he has looked into fabric building structures. Mr. Leggett and Mr. Hagstrom inquired as to the time frame for the building structure and concrete. Mr. Hanson stated the structure would be this fall and the concrete would be spring of 2025. Mr. Leggett also commented on including the option for in-floor heating and water access to the structure.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilty and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to approve the disposal of equipment roller #081. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

Ms. Strom conducted Title VI training.

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Hanson reported for Mr. Moore, township paving projects are currently happening, the chip and fog jobs are completed, MDOT approach paving coming next.

Mr. Schonert stated the crew is wrapping up brine, M-55 slope job is nearing completion, they are continuing brush trimming and will be working on MDOT projects in September, including bathroom upgrades to road-side parks. They will also be working on the Slagle township project. Mr. Schonert commented that the crew is doing phenomenal!

Mr. Smith commented that the shop crew is doing a good job and two of them were at training yesterday. They are keeping up with operation equipment and have the new tractor ready. He has been working on bids.

Ms. Strom updated the board on the policy progress and commented on the recently passed sick leave act.

Mr. Hanson stated some of the crew recently went through grader training and that he was impressed with the trainer. Hanover township lake association has purchased electronic speed notice signs, we agreed to install the sign posts for them. Mr. Hanson attended an ORV meeting with the USFS, Visitors bureau, and others involved in the promotion of ORV use. He stated they spoke about the use of off-road vehicles on the road system and the issues this has caused. They are attempting to come up with a master agreement that would include maintenance funding. He also commented we have seen a significant increase in agitated complaints in the last month.

Board Comments:

Mr. Falan commented that everything is going well and likes the automatic flaggers.

Mr. Hagstrom passed along that Mr. Jurik would like to know if there is an option for a broom attachment in lieu of purchasing a broom vehicle. Mr. Hagstrom commented that everything seems to be going good and that the chipseal job looks good.

Payroll 8/8/2024	\$78,228.02
Payroll 8/22/2024	\$70,924.17
AP 8/5/2024	\$101,500.00
AP 8/10/2024	\$234,798.36

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 a.m.



Harry Hagstrom, Chairman



Annie Strom, Finance & Business Manager