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WEXFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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

Regular Meeting

November 27, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman, Harold Falan, at 7:30 a.m.

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

Also Present:

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

Visitor(s): Brian Potter

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to approve the October 25, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda: Motion to bid tractor

Public Comment: none

County Board Liaison: Mr. Potter informed the board that the County HR committee approved extending Mr. Falan's appointment to the Road Commission Board, and it will go to the full committee at their next meeting. He also gave an update on the status of the cyber-attack that occurred on election day at the County.

Previous Business: none

New Business:

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to set the administrative staff wage increase at 2%. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to go into closed session for discussion of future contract negotiations at 7:44 a.m. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved. Return from closed session at 8:09 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to bid a tractor and award to purchase if bid comes in under \$75,000. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Schonert informed the board that the MDOT Rail gravel project was wrapped up for the season and there will be some finish work in the spring. The crew is switching to winter mode and working on brush cutting, tree removal, blading, and high edge removal. He commented that the new wood stove is operational.

Mr. Smith commented that the shop has been getting snow equipment on trucks and had some assistance from the drivers to get some small items knocked out. Their next project will be pulling in the trailers for repairs. The new equipment building project is going extremely well and the cold storage roof replacement will start next week.

Ms. Strom commented that her focus has been on the upcoming budget and the administrative assistant has been busy onboarding the new hires.

Mr. Hanson spoke about the road funding bill that was introduced at the House. He also spoke about the upcoming budget and how there has been a significant cost increase in road material and equipment, stating we are analyzing what and how we do things and how that affects the equipment needs for the future. Mr. Hanson also informed the board of the ongoing damage to the roads, specifically seasonal roads, by the side-by-side traffic and how the snowmobile clubs are upset about the damage to the trail system. The snowmobile clubs want the Road Commission to fix the damage. This has become a State-wide issue, and our insurance company is advising Road Commissions not permit any new trails.

Board Comments:

Mr. Jurik stated, "good work to all you guys".

Mr. Leggett stated "Happy Holidays"

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| Payroll 10/31/2024 | \$64,441.29 |
| Payroll 11/14/2024 | \$67,633.03 |
| AP 10/25/2024 | \$202,058.09 |
| AP 10/29/2024 | \$214,153.00 |
| AP 11/10/2024 | \$232,393.75 |
| AP 11/13/2024 | \$75.00 |

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.


Harold Falan, Vice-Chairman


Annie Strom, Finance & Business Manager