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WEXFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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

Regular Meeting

March 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order by the 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
Asst. Superintendent: Brad Harris
Fleet & Facilities Manager: Travis Smith
Engineer Tech: Keith Moore

Visitor(s): Brian Potter

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to approve the February 01, 2022 minutes as presented. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett yes; Commissioner Jurik, abstain; Commissioner Falan, yes. Motion approved.

Addition to the Agenda: None.

Public Comment: None.

County Board Liaison: Mr. Potter stated he appreciates this board.

Previous Business: None.

March 9, 2023

New Business:

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to award the seasonal materials bid in the best interest of the road commission taking into account cost but availability of the materials as well. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Jurik, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Jurik to award pavement marking bid to PK contracting. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Jurik, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to authorize the Engineer Manager to approve a 4- 10 work schedule, starting and ending at his discretion. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Jurik, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to authorize the Engineer Manager to sell the two John Deere Tractors after purchase of additional tractors. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Jurik, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Jurik to authorize the Engineer Manager to purchase pick-up trucks. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Jurik, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to authorize Annie Strom the authority to enter into and sign any commercial card agreements. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Jurik, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to appoint Annie Strom as the clerk to the board of Road Commission. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Jurik, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Hilty for Annie Strom to replace Andrea Herman as the authorized representative for any financial entities such as, but not limited to, the IRS, State of Michigan Treasury and MDOT, SAM, E-Verify, Social Security Administration and MERS. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Jurik, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A discussion took place regarding Brining of Gravel Road changes from EGLE. Mr. Hanson explained that EGLE would like to enforce no brining within 100 feet from a water source and no application when the temperature is below 20 degrees. Mr. Jurik commented he would like to see the scientific backup for this change and inquired on viable alternatives. Mr. Hanson explained the alternatives suggested are not cost effective. Representative Hoytenga has been made aware of the issue. CRA is working on a brochure with talking points for the public.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to extend the crack seal bid per the agreement to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Jurik, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Jurik to extend the chipseal bid per the agreement to Fahrner Asphalt Sealers. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Jurik, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Moore commented that Charter has approximately 10 crews installing fiber optic in our County and they have been informed of the seasonal weight restrictions. He also stated with the funding not coming through for the rubberized chip seal that we are shuffling projects. He has started to update specs for permits.

Mr. Harris informed the board that the crew is doing a good job, continuing winter maintenance and clean up from winter damage such as delineator replacement. Him and Mr. Schonert are also checking on the bonded roads to ensure they aren't being damaged during seasonal weight restrictions.

Mr. Smith spoke in regard to the struggle of pickup truck availability and that the mechanics are keeping up with winter and routine maintenance on the trucks and equipment.

Ms. Strom commented that the audit was finished and is waiting for the report from the Auditor to complete the ACT 51 report. She is settling into her new position.

Mr. Hanson stated that there are several interviews over the next week and that advertising for the position was done slightly different this round and has seemed to help attract more applicants. He also addressed Mr. Jurik's question regarding the funding shortages at the State level.


Board Comment:

Mr. Jurik commented that everything seems to be running smoothly with all the changes within the Administrative staff and showed his appreciation.

Mr. Leggett concurred with Mr. Jurik's comment.

Payroll	02/09/23	\$98,527.37
Payroll	02/23/23	\$84,967.07
Payroll	02/22/23	\$57,585.01
Voucher	02/10/23	\$244,852.57
Voucher	02/10/23	\$8,250.00
Voucher	02/27/23	\$251,014.16
HRA	01/31/23	\$107.13
HRA	02/07/23	\$228.41
HRA	02/21/23	\$300.51
HRA	02/28/23	\$12.74

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 a.m.



Harold Falan, Vice-Chairman



Annie Strom, Finance and Business Manager