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# ***WEXFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION***

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

Regular Meeting

April 26, 2023

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

Roll Call: Present – Hagstrom, Falan, Jurik, Leggett, Hilty.

Absent -

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): Keith Newell

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to approve the March 09, 2023 minutes as presented. Roll call on the motion:

Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett yes;

Commissioner Jurik, yes; Commissioner Falan, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

Addition to the Agenda: None.

Public Comment: Mr. Newell introduced himself as the Wexford County Airport Manager. He stated he would like to establish a working relationship with Wexford CRC.

County Board Liaison: Not Present.

Previous Business: None.

New Business:

A motion was made by Commissioner Falan and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to award Boon Road Project bid to low bidder, Elmer's Crane and Dozer. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; 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 award Countywide Paving bid to low bidder, Elmer's Crane and Dozer. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Jurik, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilty and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to extend the Brine bid per the agreement to Layline Energy. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; 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 extend the MDOT Park Cleaning bid per the agreement to DKT services. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Jurik, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Falan and seconded by Commissioner Jurik to allow Cadillac Jeoper's to close Industrial Drive on May 6, 2023, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; 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 Falan to dispose of old excess equipment in the best interest of the Road Commission. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; 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 accept the results of the 2022 Audit. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Jurik, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Falan and seconded by Commissioner Jurik to accept the 2022 Act 51 report as presented. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; 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 accept the 2023 first quarter financial review as presented. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Jurik, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

**Administrative Reports:**

Mr. Schonert commented that the crew made it through the winter season and are transitioning to summer operations. Also, training of the new employees is underway.

Mr. Smith stated that the mechanics are also transitioning from winter to summer operations and that some of the new equipment has arrived and it should be a busy summer.

Mr. Moore informed the board that more fiber optic installation is happening throughout the County. Crack fill is currently being done in preparation for wedging and overlay. He anticipates a July date to start construction for Boon Rd and 3 box culverts are slated for fall.


Mr. Hanson informed the board that we only had FDIC coverage of \$250,000 per bank leaving a large balance unprotected. We worked with both Mercantile and Huntington to protect those funds in the event of a bank collapse and to ensure we were in compliance with PA20. In respect to the winter season the crew had 88 call outs and salt usage was the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in a five-year period. Mr. Hanson relayed that the Road Commission was presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Wexford-Missaukee Career Tech Center for being a contributor to the work-based learning program. He also gave an update on brining of gravel roads; EGLE has pulled back a little but still have plans to move forward with the restrictions. 5 new truck drivers have been hired, with the 5<sup>th</sup> person to start within the next week. Mr. Hanson spoke about dead deer on the roadside, that was recently in the media, Wexford CRC policy is to move deceased deer from the roadway to the ditch, we do not remove the animal from the location. Commissioner Jurik inquired about the Road Commissions process for tree cutting. Mr. Hanson explained trees are removed on a case-by-case scenario and not necessarily by the species of the tree. Mr. Hanson also relayed to the board that the Paul Bunyan meeting was coming up and that he needs a head count by May 11<sup>th</sup> if any Commissioners plan to attend.

**Board Comment:**

Mr. Jurik commented he was happy with the new hire situation.

Payroll	3/8/2023	\$17,224.10
Payroll	3/9/2023	\$97,226.14
Payroll	3/23/2023	\$83,778.43
Payroll	3/30/2023	\$35,426.45
Payroll	4/6/2023	\$91,909.69
Payroll	4/20/2023	\$67,451.29
Voucher	3/10/2023	\$344,904.90
Voucher	3/27/2023	\$112,516.66
Voucher	4/10/2023	\$423,382.73
Voucher	4/17/2023	\$16,269.00

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 a.m.



Harry Hagstrom, Chairman



Annie Strom, Finance and Business Manager