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WEXFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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

Regular Meeting

May 29, 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
Fleet and Facilities Manager: Travis Smith
Engineer Technician: Keith Moore
County Board Liaison: Brian Potter

Visitor(s): Ron Gwizdala

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by Commissioner Falan and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to approve the April 24, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

County Board Liaison: Mr. Potter had no update.

Public Comment: Mr. Gwizdala spoke regarding the closing of his road and stated he was looking for follow-up from the meeting he previously attended, also commenting that he had spoken with the previous Manager on the issue in 2008 and 2016. He explained the residents' concerns for wanting the road closure.

Previous Business: none

New Business:

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to award the MDOT Paving Project bid to low bidder Elmer's Crain and Dozer. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Falan and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to award the WCRC County wide paving bid to low bidder Elmer's Crain and Dozer. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to approve the resolution adopting a policy regarding public access to and video recording on road commission property.

Mr. Hagstrom asked if all road commissions were implementing this policy. Mr. Hanson stated the policy came from MCRCSIP and they are recommending the policy be implemented.

Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Falan to accept the results of the 2023 audit as presented. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Falan and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to accept the 2023 Act 51 report as presented. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to accept the 2024 first quarter financial review as presented. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Falan and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to request the \$10,000 engineering reimbursement from MDOT. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Falan to make the Administrative Assistant position eligible for overtime pay.

Mr. Hanson explained the ruling finalized by the Biden-Harris administration that increased the salary compensation thresholds for overtime eligibility.

Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Moore gave an update on the road projects he is currently working on and commented that the DTE gas permits have been steadily coming in weekly.

Mr. Smith updated the board on the equipment maintenance stating it is the mechanic's busy season and everyone is in good spirits. He also spoke about the Allison Transmission communication regarding a rumored pullback in production which could potentially push back the delivery timeframe for our truck order.

Mr. Hanson provided an update on behalf of the Superintendent that the road crew has been working on berm removal, guardrail repairs, brining and has started mowing. He informed the Board that the Northern meeting will be changing the time of year it meets and spoke about the new speed limit laws that went into effect.

Board Comments:

Mr. Falan stated the budget is doing well and has no doubt it is a busy season for the mechanics.

Mr. Hilty commented that everyone is doing a great job.

Mr. Leggett commented to Ms. Strom good job working with the auditor and putting the budget together. He also inquired if the Allison Transmission issue would affect pickups.

Mr. Hagstrom has no comment.

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Payroll	5/2/2024	\$ 70,889.53
Payroll	5/16/2024	\$ 66,307.12
AP	4/25/2024	\$ 259,497.27
AP	5/10/2024	\$ 171,789.96

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 a.m.



Harry Hagstrom, Chairman



Annie Strom, Finance & Business Manager

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY REGARDING PUBLIC ACCESS TO AND VIDEO RECORDING ON ROAD COMMISSION PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners of Wexford County has determined that it is necessary and appropriate that the Road Commission adopt a policy, in keeping with principles of the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, to address public access to and video recording on Road Commission property, and,

WHEREAS, a right to photograph and video record in a public space, including the right to record public officials and employees, arguably exists under the First Amendment, subject to reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions,

WHEREAS, most areas of Road Commission property are considered limited access areas, which are not generally open to or occupied by the public, and, therefore, are not subject to any right to photograph or video record under the First Amendment, but the designated waiting or reception areas in the Road Commission building during the hours in which the building is open to the public and any room being used for a meeting of a public body open to the public under the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.261 *et seq.*, are considered public areas that are generally open to general public access and occupancy and arguably subject to a right to photograph or video record,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Road Commissioners of Wexford County hereby approves and adopts the attached Policy Regarding Public Access to and Video Recording on Road Commission Property.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Yeas: 4

Nays: 0

WEXFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

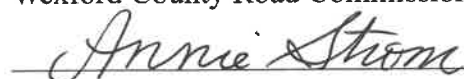


By: Harry Hagstrom

Its: Board Chairman

Dated: 05/29/2024

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified Clerk of the Wexford County Road Commission do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Wexford County Road Commission at a regular meeting held on May 29, 2024.



Clerk