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WEXFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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

Regular Meeting

May 31, 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): Tim Maier

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Jurik to approve the April 26, 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: None

County Board Liaison: Mr. Potter informed the board that the County Administrator stated our Audit looked really well and thanked Ms. Strom and Mr. Hanson for resolving a matter with the County Treasurer.

Previous Business: None.

New Business:

At 7:33 a.m. a motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to go into closed session for discussion of legal opinion regarding settlement of grievance and invite Brian Potter, Annie Strom, Tim Schonert, and Brad Harris to attend. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Jurik, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

At 7:42 a.m. the Board returned to the open meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to re-bid 13th Street Culvert Boring project.

Mr. Hanson stated the original bid came in higher than expected and would like to alter the bid requirements. Estimated timeline for re-bid is 2-3 weeks.

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 award Aggregate production Bid 1 to Halliday Sand & Gravel. 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 Aggregate production Bid 2 to Salisbury Excavating. 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 Hilty to consent to revision of Plat of Mitchell Park.

Mr. Jurik inquired about prior precedent and expressed communication with township needs should be considered, along with the possibility of having a policy in place moving forward to ensure clear direction.

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 Jurik to request the \$10,000 engineering reimbursement from MDOT. 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 Hilty to purchase a new pick up for the engineering technician through MiDeal. 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:

Ms. Strom attended the Finance & HR Conference in May, which had some good sessions and expressed how many new finance managers were in attendance. She stated the 2021 MDOT audit was in process and is organizing files in preparation for the summer projects.

Mr. Schonert commented that 12 of the 16 townships have been completed for brine and that the brine crew worked a 28 day stretch to complete the townships who have contracted our services. Mowing is also taking place with the new flail mowers which have been attached to skid steers and are working well. Also, did a dirt project on 13 road and have been working on State catch basins. All the new hires are fitting in well.

Mr. Moore informed the board that fiber optic is still ongoing but has heard rumors of a slowdown. Spring crack fill has been completed and chip seal and wedge are slated for July, however, he is trying to move the schedule up to June. He also stated that a guardrail project for MDOT and catch basin cleaning bid are in the works.

Mr. Smith mentioned that the bid for replacement lighting for the shop is out. He also stated the mechanics have all the mowers and brine trucks up and running and they are working on the new 6140D tractor.

Mr. Hanson stated that he will be attending a brine meeting in Lansing on Monday. Public education was started at the initial phase of the issue but has been backed off until road commissions can meet with EGLE. He explained the brine process and the fact that we need natural moisture to adhere to the brine for it to work effectively. Mr. Hanson received a memo regarding the roadkill issue and noted our policy is on point with the opinion. He said there has been an increase in requests for specialty signs (i.e. Amish buggy signs) which do not align with our current policy standards and will look at developing a new policy in regard to specialty signs. There has been a push from MDOT to remove the sign clutter from the right-of-way; we collect the signs and hold them for 7 days then dispose of them.


Board Comment:

Mr. Leggett gave kudos to the management staff for their patience with all the new staff.

Mr. Hagstrom commented on how nice the current board is and expressed that Karl is doing a good job and that communication has been much better.

Payroll	5/4/2023	\$67,220.01
Payroll	5/18/2023	\$72,759.39
Voucher	4/25/2023	\$118,075.01
Voucher	4/30/2023	\$573.63
Voucher	5/3/2023	\$39,457.18
Voucher	5/10/2023	\$89,153.94
Voucher	5/25/2023	\$354,300.86

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 a.m.



Harry Hagstrom, Chairman



Annie Strom, Finance and Business Manager