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# ***WEXFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION***

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

## Regular Meeting

June 28, 2023

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

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

### Also Present:

Engineer/Manager: Karl Hanson  
Finance and Business Manager: Annie Strom  
Superintendent: Tim Schonert  
Asst. Superintendent: Brad Harris  
Engineer Tech: Keith Moore

Visitor(s): Brian Potter, Phillip Cooper, Rich Willing

### Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Falan to approve the May 31, 2023 minutes as presented. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett yes; Commissioner Falan, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilty and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to approve the May 31, 2023 closed session minutes as presented. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett yes; Commissioner Falan, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

Addition to the Agenda: None.

### Public Comment:

Mr. Willing stated he lives in Buckley and explained that he would like the delineator posts removed that were placed by the boat launch. He cited the Michigan Statewide Uniform Use of Delineators for placement on 2-way roads. He believes they are not required and are more of a hazard than a help. He also informed the board of the neighborly dispute this has caused and believes the road commission is pampering the wishes of one and not concerned with prevention of injury of the whole. Mr. Willing also inquired about when the roads for Gitchegumee subdivision would be re-surfaced.

Mr. Cooper, also of Buckley, commented regarding the delineator post placement. He gave a brief history of the issues with the lot and property owner and explained that part of the lot is property of the Association and informed the board that a post had been hit by a car.

County Board Liaison:

Mr. Potter inquired on who brush hazard complaints should be directed to. It was explained by Mr. Hanson that all complaints should come to the Road Commission and clarified that we can only deal with hazards that are within the Right-of-Way. Mr. Potter also asked for an update on the 13<sup>th</sup> St. railroad tracks. Mr. Moore stated the grant had been approved and the road commission is waiting for a schedule to be put in place as there is also work being performed on Boon Rd and detours will be in place utilizing 13<sup>th</sup> St. It is expected the project will be completed this year.

Previous Business: None.

New Business:

A motion was made by Commissioner Falan and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to award catch basin cleaning bid to low bidder Power Vac.

Mr. Leggett inquired about the difference in the bid amount of the two bidders. Mr. Hanson explained that the high bidder was a company from downstate and believes travel cost played into the price and explained there was a late bid received that was close to the low bid amount.

Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to award 13<sup>th</sup> St. culvert storm sewer project to low bidder Miller Contracting.

Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Falan and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to award 2023 light fixture upgrade to low bidder Jared Huttenga Electric. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Falan and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to reject the crumb rubber chipseal bid.

Mr. Hanson informed the board that the bid came in higher than estimated and that we could pave for the same price. Wedging of the road is still slated. The grant that was received for this project was based on the estimated amount and will not cover the higher bid amount. The grant would be turned back over.

Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilty and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to award pick up bid to low bidder Betten Baker.

Mr. Hanson spoke about MiDeal and how the allocation of vehicles for this program has dropped off due to cost and shortages and now dealerships are offering municipality discounts. Mr. Potter asked if the vehicle is on hand at the dealership; yes, it is.

Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to approve our compliance with Section 18J for health care compliance with PA152.

Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Falan and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to vote for Brett Laughlin for the MCRCSIP Board. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilty and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to vote for Tony Casali and Mark Timmer for the MCRCSIP Board. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

#### Administrative Reports:

Mr. Moore informed the board that wedging will begin tomorrow in Clam Lake and chipseal will start in mid-July and Charter is still pulling permits for fiber.

Mr. Harris gave an updated status on the crew work performed: First round of brine is finished, and second round has started. They are trying to clay ahead of some of the brine routes and have done a few dirt projects. State trunkline roadside mowing is completed, and the new equipment is working well. They are also working with Mr. Moore on his projects and training of the newer crew members continues.

Mr. Hanson updated the board on the brine meeting that he and Mr. Schonert attended in Lansing. EGLE is still looking to move forward. If the suggested implementation goes through it will have a dramatic impact for all. ORV and side-by-side use within Wexford County is being advertised, there will be a meeting today with more details. Mr. Hanson predicts there will be an increase in ORV usage and increased damage to the shoulder of the roads, as proof with a current area of use on Old 131. He expressed concern over a few of the roads that are being advertised for use. Mr. Hanson gave an update on specialty signs, currently have two townships looking at flashing signs for the Amish, the road commission will not be responsible for the signs.

Board Comment:

Mr. Falan stated things look to be going well and noted he believes Ms. Strom is doing a good job on the minutes.

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

Mr. Leggett thanked everyone and commented that he likes the railroad signs and thinks they are a good idea for drivers of equipment such as low boys.

Mr. Hagstrom echoed Mr. Falan's comment regarding the minutes and stated that mowing looks good. He asked for an update on the tractors involved in the fire. Mr. Hanson stated the insurance company is still in discussions with John Deere and if an agreement can't be reached there is a possibility of the insurance company purchasing the tractors.

Payroll	6/1/2023	\$68,125.22
Payroll	6/1/2023	\$15,609.34
Payroll	6/15/2023	\$63,916.25
Voucher	6/10/2023	\$123,575.96
Voucher	6/25/2023	\$84,994.71

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 a.m.



Harry Hagstrom, Chairman



Annie Strom, Finance and Business Manager