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WEXFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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

Regular Meeting

August 31, 2023

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

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

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 Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to approve the July 27, 2023 minutes as presented. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett yes; Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Jurik, yes. Motion approved.

Addition to the Agenda: Purchase of Blades.

Public Comment: none

County Board Liaison:

Mr. Potter informed the Board of an audit finding from the County audit, involving the verification of contractors to ensure they are not listed on the do not hire list. He commented that he believes the County budget will be tight this year. He also expressed his thanks to Karl for being very responsive and easy to work with.

Previous Business: None.

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New Business:

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to award DJ McQuestion the 2023 Mitchell Creek Box Culverts bid. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes; Commissioner Jurik, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to vote for Mark Christensen and Dave Pettersch for the two open positions of NMARC. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes; Commissioner Jurik, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilty and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to approve Annie Strom as the Title VI coordinator for Wexford County Road Commission. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes; Commissioner Jurik, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Falan and seconded by Commissioner Jurik to purchase blades in conjunction with Emmet County Road Commission. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes; Commissioner Jurik, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Moore updated the Board on projects within the County as follows: Charter and Acentek are continuing fiber permits, going on two years now and DTE will begin work next year. Paving, chip seal, and 13th St projects are finished and under budget. PK will start paving next week. The Mitchell Creek box culvert is scheduled to begin on Tuesday. 45 ½ road hill is cut and looks very different, stated the crew is doing a great job.

Mr. Smith stated the shop is prepping the fleet for winter and re-fitted the tractors so drivers could finish mowing and they will be getting the brine trucks ready for storage.

Mr. Harris informed the Board on the status of 45 ½ road, stating the crew needed to shift gears to MDOT projects for their fiscal year end and they would move back to 45 ½ road once these are finished. The crew is finishing mowing and brine will be finished after today. They are working on USFS gravel to ensure it is finished before winter and also basic maintenance and culverts.

Ms. Strom spoke about the interview process for the Administrative Assistant position.

Mr. Hanson reiterated the fact that we did not receive the jurisdictional transfer funds for this year, stating the topic is at the forefront of CRA's minds. He also briefed the Board on some ideas for the Amish safety meeting. An individual reached out to Mr. Hanson regarding filing a petition for an abandonment of road on Round Lake. The road runs between the County lines of Wexford and Missaukee. Mr. Hanson stated he has spoke with Missaukee County, the Township involved and the DNR. Another resident inquired about a speed concern in Crestview. Mr. Hanson stated it has been investigated with MSP and he has provided the township with a resolution and recommendation. The Lake Mitchell Sewer Authority project is moving forward with an approximate timeline of 6-8 months, Mr. Hanson will keep in contact with contractors to see where the status of the job is for paving once complete. Mr. Hanson updated that railroad crossing of 13th Street should begin mid to late September.

Board Comments:

Mr. Falan said it sounds like things are going really well.

Mr. Hilty asked if there is anything the Board can do to help?

Mr. Leggett stated all sounds good.

Mr. Hagstrom echoed the above statements.

Payroll	7/27/2023	\$63,581.43
Payroll	8/10/2023	\$65,836.03
Payroll	8/24/2023	\$64,421.54
Voucher	7/25/2023	\$308,925.96
Voucher	8/10/2023	\$661,558.30
Voucher	8/25/2023	\$1,561,318.24

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 a.m.



Harry Hagstrom, Chairman



Annie Strom, Finance and Business Manager