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WEXFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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

Regular Meeting

November 02, 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 Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Jurik to approve the September 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: None

Public Comment: None

County Board Liaison:

Mr. Potter reminded the Board of the potential of lawsuits regarding addressing the public during the public comment period.

Previous Business: None.

New Business:

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to award blade bid to low bidder Shults Equipment. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett yes; Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Jurik, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilty and seconded by Commissioner Falan to hire Prein and Newhof for the USFS Brandy brook dam and road crossing.

Commissioner Jurik inquired about how big of a project this is. Karl explained the project and stated this is the first step, which covers the survey and study.

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 Hilty to approve the PA152 hard cap option for employee health insurance for 2024. Roll call on the motion: Commissioner Hagstrom, yes; Commissioner Falan, yes; Commissioner Hilty, yes; Commissioner Leggett, yes; Commissioner Jurik, yes. Motion unanimously approved.

Karl gave an update on the John Deere Tractors. The insurance company totaled one tractor and they will handle the claim with John Deere moving forward. The other tractor will be put up for sale.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to approve the 3rd quarter financial statement as presented. 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 authorize the Engineer-Manager to suspend the weight restrictions for road commission vehicles during the 2023-2024 winter operations for the roads under the jurisdiction of the Wexford County Road Commission pursuant to MCL.257.722(9). 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 approve a \$500.00 safety award for the employees in December 2023.

Commissioner Leggett asked about including part time employees and whether it should include only temporary truck drivers or everyone. Commissioner Jurik stated it should be left to Karl's discretion.

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 permits and projects. He stated the contractors did a nice job on the culverts and that he's also working on the project budget for next year.

Mr. Smith gave an update on what the shop has been working on, stating that the guys are doing a good job, and that the co-op student is back and what a huge asset it is to have him.

Mr. Schonert stated the crew has wrapped up summer projects and addressed some wash-out areas and plan to get gravel roads smoothed before they freeze. He stated the crew and Brad are doing great.

Ms. Strom commented that the new Administrative Assistant is doing a good job.

Mr. Hanson updated that the 13th St. railroad project would begin on Friday. He reminded the board that the budget hearing is scheduled for December 13th. He discussed the need of bidding trucks, with Commissioner Hagstrom stating it would be a good idea to get ahead of the long wait. Mr. Hanson also informed the board that MDOT does not have the funds to buy out federal aid funds for 2025. He gave an update on the new hires. A resident approached the road commission regarding abandonment of a road on the north side of round lake. Mr. Hanson will be meeting with him and plans to check on the impact this may have on other operations.

Board Comments:

Mr. Falan expressed his appreciation of the hard work of the staff.

Mr. Jurik stated no news is good news.

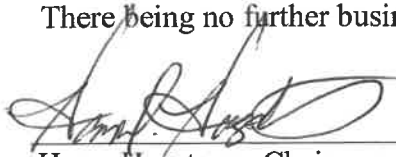
Mr. Hilty echoed the previous comments and stated great job.

Mr. Leggett thanked everyone.

Mr. Hagstrom passed along a compliment he heard that Wexford County roads were in better condition than the surrounding Counties and that everyone is doing a good job.

Payroll	10/5/2023	\$68,428.18
Payroll	10/19/2023	\$63,833.45
Voucher	9/25/2023	\$175,412.24
Voucher	10/2/2023	\$150.00
Voucher	10/10/2023	\$571,552.09
Voucher	10/25/2023	\$487,994.30
Voucher	10/27/2023	\$2,004.53

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 a.m.


Harry Hagstrom, Chairman


Annie Strom, Finance & Business Manager