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WEXFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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

Regular Meeting

December 18, 2024

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

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

Also Present:

Engineer/Manager: Karl Hanson
Finance and Business Manager: Annie Strom
Superintendent: Tim Schonert
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 November 27, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Falan and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to approve the November 27, 2024 closed meeting minutes as presented. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

Additions or Deletions to Agenda: Motion to purchase grill

Public Comment: none

County Board Liaison: Mr. Potter informed the board of the passing of the veteran's affair coordinator, Kathy Cline. Mr. Potter spoke of an interaction he had with a road commission driver who went above and beyond. He provided an update on the County hack, stating the emergency manager and administrator have been working non-stop with IT to resolve the issues. Mr. Potter also informed the board that the County Commission will have four new members in 2025.

Previous Business: none

New Business:

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Leggett at 7:42 a.m. to enter into the Budget Hearing. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Falan to close the budget hearing and resume the regular meeting at 7:54 a.m. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to approve the 2024 budget resolution as presented. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Hilty to approve the 2025 budget as presented. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to set the 2025 organization meeting for January 6, 2025, at 7:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hilty and seconded by Commissioner Jurik to purchase a grill. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Moore gave an update that gas and telecommunication projects are mostly complete and permitting will slow back to previous pace. He also informed the board that he is working with Conservation Resource Alliance on potential projects in the fall of 2025 and MDOT on upcoming TWA projects.

Mr. Smith gave an update on the progress of the cold storage and equipment storage projects. He also commented that the shop had been focused on the snow event and keeping that equipment moving and is now back to general maintenance services.

Mr. Schonert stated, "we had winter" and the crew put in a lot of long hours and are back to brush and tree cutting. He also stated the ice blades are awesome and the new wood stove is amazing.

Ms. Strom commented on the new online open enrollment process for health insurance and what a great job the administrative assistant did in getting all the employees' setup and trained.

Mr. Hanson informed the board of Mr. Smith's resignation and thanked him for his service and dedication. Mr. Hanson gave an update on the House bill to modify PA152, stating it had passed at the House and moved to the Senate. Mr. Hanson also gave an update that there had been a few transportation funding bills introduced during lame duck, but there has not been any movement on them. He informed the board that the monarch butterfly has become a threatened and endangered species, and this will impact some of the work we perform and that a conservation group will advise on the best steps forward. He also gave an update on the MDOT federal aid buyout. Lastly, he thanked the staff, commenting that everybody has done a good job with all of the crew changeover and training and appreciated all they have done.

Board Comments:

Mr. Falan stated, Karl summed it up and wished Mr. Smith good luck.

Mr. Jurik wished Mr. Smith well.

Mr. Hilty thanked Mr. Smith.

Mr. Leggett told Mr. Smith good luck with the new job and commented that the crew scratching the gravels roads made a difference.

Mr. Hagstrom told Mr. Smith he hopes everything goes well at his new job. He then commented that he has seen an improvement and notable difference in the last few years and thanked the staff.

Payroll 11/27/2024	\$	66,205.23
Payroll 12/6/2024	\$	16,795.75
Payroll 12/9/2024	\$	3,423.18
Payroll 12/10/2024	\$	16,147.61
Payroll 12/12/2024	\$	105,186.54
AP 11/25/2024	\$	1,037,350.33
AP 12/10/2024	\$	196,252.11

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.


Harry Hagstrom, Chairman
Annie Strom, Finance & Business Manager