

REGULAR MEETING

March 10, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners for the County of Isabella was held at the main office at 2261 E. Remus Road. Members present were Beltinck, Livermore, Busch, and Graham on March 10, at 8:30 a.m. Members absent were Commissioner Turnwald.

Motion by Beltinck, seconded by Busch to approve the Revised Agenda as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Livermore, seconded by Beltinck to approve the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on February 24, 2022 as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Busch, seconded by Livermore to ask the Chairman to call for a roll call vote to approve the 1 Voucher issued in the amount of \$102,113.81 and 1 Payroll Voucher issued in the amount of \$152,336.65 and the County Treasurer is authorized to transfer funds for same. Commissioner Busch, Yes; Livermore, Yes; Beltinck, Yes; and Graham, Yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: N/A

Public comment: Bill Hauck, Union Township Trustee, thanked the Isabella County Road Commission board for all the preparation work already done on Lincoln Road.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

Motion by Livermore, seconded by Busch to approve the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Grant CASE – 347870 to perform road resurfacing and rehabilitation, including cold milling of the existing asphalt surface, paving, aggregate shoulders, and pavement markings on Mission Road within the jurisdiction of the Isabella County Road Commission in Isabella, Union, and Vernon Townships, Michigan. Also authorize the Engineer to electronically sign the Contract and the Finance Director to sign the Certificate of Resolution. Commissioner Busch, Yes; Livermore, Yes; Beltinck, Yes; and Graham, Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Beltinck, seconded by Busch to approve the design engineering quote on Vandecar Road – South Branch of the Chippewa River to Rowe Professional Services in the amount not to exceed \$13,580.00. Commissioner Livermore, Yes; Beltinck, Yes; Busch, Yes; and Graham, Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Beltinck, seconded by Livermore to approve the Union Township Contract for Lincoln Road Project (Upon Township approval). Commissioner Beltinck, Yes; Livermore, Yes; Busch, Yes; and Graham, Yes. Motion carried.

The Finance Director reviewed the bi-weekly financial report for the period ending March 3, 2022. The Finance Director informed the Commissioners that a journal entry was done to move the \$5,625.00 collected for bond escrows out of the cash account and into the escrow account. The Finance Director said she has sent the denial letter from Liberty Mutual to the Michigan County Road Commissions Self Insurance Pool. Their legal department will assist in the recovery of these kind of damages. The Pools fee is 10% of any recovery collected. The Finance Director informed the Commissioners the MTF funds to date increase for the new year is 10.38% or \$304,591.

Project Manager:

Date	Township	Job Completed
02/23/22		5am start due to freezing rain. All trucks ran tire chains new hires did a great job. Made slow progress due to running tire chains
02/24/22		Restocked the mix pile and worked on estimates
02/28/22		Worked on salt barn quotes and estimates
03/01/22		Went to S.A.M. meeting with Brock up to Gladwin County
03/02/22		Took Bryan and Brodie with me to asphalt inspection class in Saginaw
03/04/22		Had interviews for truck driver position

Superintendent's Report

Date	Township	Job Completed
02/23/22	all townships	Sanded and salted as needed used ice blades on gravels
02/24/22	all townships	Sanded and salted as needed used ice blades on gravels
02/25/22	all townships	Sanded and salted as needed
02/28/22	all garages	filled sand piles back up
03/01/22	all Quads	Patched blacktops cleaned trucks and garages Chase and I attended the S A M meeting in Gladwin
03/02/22	all Quads	Patched blacktops cleaned trucks and garages
03/03/22	all Quads	Patched blacktops Miss Dig training for drainage guys thawed tubes
03/04/22	all Quads	Patched blacktops cut trees for Box culvert on Loomis Rd. btw Weidman and Beal city thawed tubes

The Shop Foreman gave the following report:

- 1) Attended drug and alcohol training at Clare County Road Commission on 16-Feb

- 2) Had to reschedule "new employee" training with Al Roden. Was scheduled for 23-Feb
- 3) Located a new tractor, should be done around September

The Manager informed the Commissioners that Fahrner requested to extend their last year chip seal bids with minimal adjustment to the polymer and emulsion. The Manager informed the Commissioners that 1 new truck driver and 2 new mechanics were hired last week. The Manager informed the Commissioners that the Finance Director sent out an Employee Memo stating all permits needed to be done via Oxcart except for emergency permits which should be preapproved. The whole point of all the permits being in Oxcart is so that the County and MSP Weighmasters can always look up permits in their patrol vehicles when they pull someone over. The Finance Director said that both Gladwin and Montcalm Road Commissions are both talking about going 100% Oxcart also. This was a discussion at the NMARC meeting and sounds like it may even be a topic at the NMARC Annual Seminar during a breakout session. They think a lot of road commissions are considering the change.

Committee Reports: Commissioner Busch thanked the Board for letting him hold the last Isabella County Parks and Recreations meeting at the Isabella County Road Commission. Commissioner Busch said that all the Board Members loved the new building and would like to hold another meeting at the road commission in the fall. Commissioner Busch said that everything is going great with the Isabella County Parks except for park wages are not in line. The wages really need to be revisited. Commissioner Graham said that he wanted to comment on a couple of comments that were made at the Union Township Meeting last night. The first comment that was mentioned was that the Isabella County Road Commission's snow budget was used up because they increased all the truck drivers' wages. This is not the case. The truck drivers' wages follow the union contract that has already been approved back in 2020 and this was already budgeted. The reason is not because of increase in wages but because of the increase in cost of materials, fuel, and the number of hours that was worked to keep the roads clean and safe. The second comment was that the Road Commission was not chipping in on the cost of the paved shoulders on Lincoln Road Project. They said that the Road Commission had it designed for paved shoulders in the first place. The paved shoulders were not included in the original design when the project was first discussed.

Motion by Livermore, seconded by Busch to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 a.m. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Board Secretary

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member