

REGULAR MEETING

August 25, 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, Graham, Busch, and Turnwald on August 25, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by Graham, seconded by Busch to approve the 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 August 11, 2022 with the correction of the date in the 3rd paragraph of August 11, 2022 changed to "July 28, 2022". Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Beltinck, seconded by Graham to ask the Chairman to call for a roll call vote to approve the Vouchers issued in the amount of \$244,282.84 and Payroll Register issued in the amount of \$88,958.41 and the County Treasurer is authorized to transfer funds for same. Commissioner Graham, Yes; Busch, Yes; Livermore, Yes; Beltinck, Yes; and Turnwald, Yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: N/A

Public comment: : Kim Smith Union Township Public Works Coordinator, wanted to pass a thank you along to Jay the Engineering Technician for spending most of the day with Shawn McBride on the Lincoln Road project looking at hydrants, valves, and marking out where they will be going. Bill Hauck, Union Township Trustee, was asked by his Board Members to inquire on if the Intersection of Broomfield and Lincoln will be shut down for the duration of the project or will one lane be open to traffic. The Manager explained that there wouldn't be a lane for people to drive on due to the widening of the shoulders. Also, when you start putting in Storm Drains (which the road doesn't currently have any), the contractor is going to be underground with some major equipment doing exploratory digging around 3 to 4 different utilities. The Manager said he doesn't foresee one lane being open but if it changes he will alert the Union Township.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

The Finance Director reviewed the bi-weekly financial report for the period ending August 18, 2022. The Road Commission received \$2,951.78 in Investments and \$2,372.86 in MI Class. The Finance Director informed the Commissioners that they had received another deposit from the Oxcart Permits Systems in the amount of \$4,325.00. The Finance Director said that she was busy working on the Budget for 2023 and getting stuff around for the auditor. The Finance Director said that the Deerfield, Denver, and Wise Township invoices that shows up on the Open Aging Report has been paid. Also, Broomfield Township had paid \$21,319.76 out of the \$29,036.97 outstanding. The Finance Director informed the Commissioners that she would be on vacation all next week.

The Shop Foreman gave the following report:

- 1) Attended meeting at Midland County with Tony, Terry, and Kelly.
- 2) Demoed the mower max brush mower with Randy at Wexford County.
- 3) Truck 263 is done and back in service

The Project Manager gave the following report:

Date	Township	Job Completed
08/15/22		continued graveling in the N/W
08/16/22		worked on 2% request for Deerfield Twp
08/18/22		Finished up graveling N/W

The Drainage Forman gave the following report:

Date	Township	Job Completed
08/10/22	S/E	Brush hog the paved intersections
	N/W	Hauling and leveling gravel on projects
	Isabella	Cross tubes on Rosebush Rd.
	Vernon	cross tubes on Beck Rd. west Whiteville Rd.
	Fremont	Scrape gravel roads
	Rolland	Scrape gravel roads
08/11/22	S/E	Brush hog the paved intersections
	N/W	Hauling and leveling gravel on projects
	Deerfield	Shouldering Littlefield btw River and Baseline
08/15/22	S/E	Brush hog the paved intersections
	N/W	Hauling and leveling gravel on projects
	Isabella	Pave tube crossings on Rosebush Rd
	Vernon	Scrape gravel roads
	Fremont	Scrape gravel roads
	Coldwater	Gravel patch Herrick Rd
08/16/22	S/E	Brush hog the paved intersections
	N/W	Hauling and leveling gravel on projects
	Fremont	cross tubes on Coe Rd. btw Littlefield and Johnson
	Fremont	Grader ditching
08/17/22	S/E	Brush hog the paved intersections
	N/W	Hauling and leveling gravel on projects
	Isabella	Cross tubes on Whiteville btw Jordan and Beal City
	All Townships	Spot scrape gravel roads
08/18/22	S/E	Brush hog the paved intersections
	All Townships	Spot scrape gravel roads
08/22/22	S/E	Brush hog the paved intersections
	All Townships	PBT

The Manager said he and the Finance Director have been working on the 2023 and 2022C Budget. The Manager talked with Jeff Bean about the possibility of the City of Clare taking over jurisdiction on the Vernon City Roads. There is a very lengthy process to this procedure, but ICRC is not against looking into it. The Manager gave the Commissioners and update on the 2022 Projects. The Manager said he has been in several meetings for the cleanup of the Beal City Sewer. He has advised Joe White and Pete Lorenz to follow the specifications on the permit. The Manager had a phone call after the last Union Township meeting asking where ICRC is going to go next regarding the Lincoln Road Route. The Manager explained that the next phase that the ICRC would like to look at is Broomfield from Crawford to Lincoln because the vehicle counts are quite higher, and the road is bad. The next section of the roadway would be the north leg of Lincoln Road to M20 but wouldn't probably be done for the next 5 to 10 years depending on funding dollars received. The Engineering Design has already been started on the North end of the Lincoln Road project.

Committee Reports: Commissioner Beltinck said at the East Central Council Meeting there was a discussion on how much Inflation has affected projects. Inflation was 30% over the Engineering Estimate for the Bridge Bundle #1 and Bridge Bundle #2 was 60% over the Engineering Estimate. This means that out of the 110 Bridges in the Bundles, they are only estimating 60 bridges will be done. Commissioner Graham had a phone call from Bob Pasch who is a Beal City School Board Member. Bob was wondering if a safety study could be done in Beal City for a 4-way stop. Commissioner Graham said that the school must write a letter to the Nottawa Township Clerk asking for this study to be completed. The Township Clerk than needs to notify the Road Commission. The ICRC Engineer will then hire out a traffic engineer to do a speed study. Commissioner Graham said that this is something that will not happen overnight. It will be a lengthy process. There also is a chance that the speed limit could go up depending on the study. Once the study is done, ICRC must go with the recommendations of the Traffic Engineer. There is no going back.

Motion by Livermore, seconded by Graham to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 p.m. Ayes: All. Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Board Secretary

Chairman

Vice-Chairman

Member

Member

Member