

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Marquette County, Michigan held on Monday, June 21, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. EST

Present: Darryll Sundberg, Chairperson, Russell Williams, Vice Chairperson, David Hall, Member Joseph Valente, Member and Neil Anderson, Member

Absent: None

In Attendance: Jim Iwanicki, Mike Harrington, Kurt Taavola, Mary Herman, Delynn Klein, Lyn Durant, Nick Joseph, William Carlson, Arnie Sirtola, Dale Pelkola and Lisa Brogan who recorded the minutes.

1. Call Meeting to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

Commissioner Sundberg called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Agenda Approval:

A motion was made by Comm. Williams, was supported by Comm. Hall and was carried to approve the June 21, 2010 agenda with late addition items 11A, 11B and 11C.

3. Approval of the Minutes: May 27, 2010:

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2010 regular meeting was made by Comm. Anderson, supported by Comm. Williams and was carried. Commissioner Hall abstained.

4. Approval of the Accounts Payables, Payroll and Financial Reports:

A motion to approve the accounts payables from June 4 to June 21, 2010 was made by Comm. Valente, was supported by Comm. Hall and was carried.

A motion to approve the payroll for the month of May 2010 was made by Comm. Williams, was supported by Comm. Anderson and was carried.

Mary Herman provided the list of outstanding accounts receivables and stated that an aging column was added. She presented the May 2010 financial report and discussed the comparison to 2009 financials. A motion to approve the May 2010 financial reports was made by Comm. Hall, was supported by Comm. Williams and was carried.

5. Public Comment:

Commissioner Sundberg opened this portion of the meeting to public comment. There being no further public comment, this portion of the meeting was closed.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. ACT51 Engineering Reimbursement:

A motion was made by Williams, was supported by Comm. Anderson and was carried to approve signing the MDOT form 2044 for the limited Engineering costs reimbursement of costs for 2009-2010.

B. Britton Retirement Resolution:

A motion to approve and sign the retirement resolution for Greg Britton was made by Comm. Williams, was supported by Comm. Anderson and was carried.

C. MDOT Contract County Road 550 (County Road 510 to County Road KA):

A motion to adopt the resolution for the County Road 550 federal aid interest waiver was made by Comm. Anderson, was supported by Comm. Valente and was carried. The resolution reads as follows:

“WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners wishes to enter into a construction agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation for a project funded by the Surface Transportation Program, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners has approved this project to be hot mix asphalt paving work along County Road 550 from County Road 510 to County Road KA; including embankment, machine grading, aggregate base, crushing and shaping, underdrain, guardrail, pavement marking and traffic control work; and all together with necessary related work, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Marquette County Road Commissioners of Marquette County Michigan agrees to the terms of the contract as proposed by the Michigan Department of Transportation Contract number 10-5403 (MDOT Job Number 76704, Control Section STL 52555),

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Darryll Sundberg, Chairperson and James Iwanicki, Engineer Manager are hereby authorized to sign the contract documents.

D. Approve Political/Real Estate/Yard Sale Sign Policy:

Jim Iwanicki stated that the proposed yard sign policy has been discussed with the Township Relations Committee and information was presented to the MCTA. A motion to adopt the proposed policy regarding yard signs was made by Comm. Hall, was supported by Comm. Williams and was carried. The policy reads as follows:

The Board recognizes that people place political, real estate and yard sale signs along our road right of way every year.

The Board recognizes that improperly placed signs can create safety hazards and interfere with a driver's vision along roadways. To maintain traffic safety, while affording office-seekers, real estate sellers, and yard sale advertisers the opportunity to inform the public, the following rules govern the placement of these signs:

- Sign placers are responsible for obtaining approval from the adjacent property owner to place the signs. (Adjacent means the property which fronts the roadway. Permission is not needed from the neighboring property owner.)
- Political signs must be removed within 10 days following an election.
- Yard sale signs may only be placed for 4 consecutive days.
- Real estate signs for a showing must be removed after the showing.
- Signs must be more than 30 feet from the edge of the roadway (white line) for highways that do not have curbs or behind the ditch. For highways with curbs, the signs must be more than three feet from the back of the curb.
- Signs are not permitted within areas used for clear vision at intersections or driveways, so they will not interfere with the sight distance of a driver.
- Sign placed in the right of way must be mounted on posts smaller than a broom stick handle.
- Any illegally placed signs will be removed. Signs removed by Road Commission crews will be kept for seven days at a local Road Commission garage, then discarded.

NOTES:

Township Zoning Ordinances may also apply to Political/Real Estate/Yard Sale Signs. Please check with the local Township planning and zoning administrator for rules governing these types of signs in your Township.

- Township Ordinances on Political/Real Estate/Yard Sale Signs which are more stringent will supersede Road Commission Policy.

POLICY – ADOPTED June 21, 2010

E. Approve Update to Utility Supplemental Specifications:

Jim Iwanicki reported that an update to the current Marquette County Road Commission policy for supplemental specifications for utilities in the right of way has been discussed with the Township Relations Committee and presented to the MCTA. Comm. Valente requested some modifications on page 3. A motion to approve the proposed Supplemental Utility Specifications policy (attached) with the suggested modifications was made by Comm. Williams, was supported by Comm Hall and was carried.

F. Approve 2010 STIP:

A motion to approve the 2010 State Transportation Improvement Plan (attached) as presented and discussed in the June 21, 2010 public hearing was made by Comm. Valente, was supported by Comm. Hall and was carried.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Ishpeming UST:

A final draft of the semi annual monitoring report was distributed to the Board for informational purposes.

B. Sale of Wells Garage Property:

Jim Iwanicki reported that he has spoken to attorney Ron Greenlee, who will provide legal assistance with the sale of the Wells garage property.

C. ORV Issue:

A meeting has been set for Wednesday, June 23rd at 9:30 a.m. at the Road Commission office to discuss ORV damage on County Road GU and County Road 571.

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. US41 Corridor:

The US41 corridor minutes of the June 8th meeting were provided for informational purposes.

B. Bargaining Unit Contract:

The next negotiations with the bargaining unit will take place on Wednesday, June 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

C. MDOT STIP Meeting:

The MDOT STIP meeting will be held on July 14 from 4-7 p.m. at Bay College, Escanaba.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

10. LATE ADDITIONS:

A. Sands Township Contract:

A motion to approve the Sands Township (County Road ND) contract and authorize Jim Iwanicki and Mary Herman to sign was made by Comm. Hall, was approved by Comm. Williams and was carried.

B. Michigamme Township Contract:

A motion to approve the Michigamme Township (County Road IAJ) contract and authorize Jim Iwanicki and Mary Herman to sign was made by Comm. Anderson, was approved by Comm. Williams and was carried.

C. Landfill Discussion:

Jim Iwanicki discussed recent meetings with the Landfill regarding roadways and reviewed the historical information.

11. CORRESPONDENCE:

12. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Sundberg opened this portion of the meeting to public comment.

Arnold Sirtola discussed road maintenance needs on County Road DA.

Nick Joseph discussed and requested information on engineering costs on projects.

Norman Holmes discussed pothole patching and shoulder maintenance.

There being no further public comment, this portion of the meeting was closed.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Williams, was supported by Comm. Hall and was carried at 7:00 p.m.