

**WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS**

555 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

*Minutes of July 20, 2010*

Board Present: Road Commissioners, David Rutledge, Doug Fuller and Fred Veigel

County Rep: County Commissioner Wes Prater

Staff Present: S. Puuri, R. Townsend, J. Harmon, C. Ryan, D. Ackerman, N. VanHorn, S. Siddall, B. Berger

Others Present: B. Stein, L. Allmendinger, G. Lobdell, M. Callegari, B. Ruth, R. Ruth, B. Fuller, A. Spink, B. Spink, T. Wessner, M. Wessner, V. Daane, A. Ping

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by David Rutledge, Chair. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RC10-213 Veigel moved, Fuller seconded to approve the agenda as presented with two Consent items moved to Discussion Items. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the July 6, 2010 Board Meeting.

RC10-214 Veigel moved, Fuller seconded, the Board hereby accepts the Board Meeting Minutes of July 6, 2010, as presented. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

**Closed Bridges**

Several citizens addressed the Board with concern over the number of closed bridges in Lima Township. Steve Puuri, Managing Director, explained that our bridges are inspected on a regular basis by a bridge expert and upon receiving a recommendation to close a bridge due to safety concerns, the Road Commission promptly closes the bridge. Mr. Puuri responded to concerns regarding being trapped by fallen trees stating that the Road Commission has an emergency number available after hours to respond to fallen trees, and that if this occurs please call our emergency phone number. Mr. Puuri stated that the closed bridges have outlived their useful service life and temporary repairs are not a viable option.

Commissioner Rutledge stated there is a huge legal issue if we have determined there are safety reasons to close the bridge and we did not. Roy Townsend confirmed that there is a general lack of funding to replace and/or repair the closed bridges.

## **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

The following communications were received and distributed to the Board for review:

- A. Issued on July 8, 2010. A Media Advisory was issued by Jim Harmon, Director of Operations, regarding the reopening of Bethel Church Road between Ernst Road and Koebbe Road in Freedom Township. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.
- B. Issued on July 14, 2010. A Media Advisory was issued by Aaron Berkholz, Construction Supervisor, regarding the closure of the Pleasant Lake Road/ Sharon Hollow Road intersection in Sharon Township on Monday, July 19, 2010, for asphalt surface construction. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.
- C. Issued on July 15, 2010. A Media Advisory was issued by Jim Harmon, Director of Operations, regarding the reopening of Lima Center Road between Hieber Road and Bethel Church Road in Freedom Township. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.
- D. Issued on July 15, 2010. A Media Advisory was issued by Matt MacDonell regarding lane closures on Carpenter Road between Packard Road and Washtenaw Avenue in Pittsfield Township to perform storm sewer video inspection. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The items approved on the Consent Agenda are as follows:

- RC10-215 Veigel moved, Fuller seconded the approval of the Consent Agenda for the July 20, 2010 meeting, as presented. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

### **Debt Service – SAD Bond Issues**

- RC10-216 Veigel moved, Fuller seconded the Board hereby approves Voucher 362-201002 for payment of SAD Bond Issues totaling \$3,300.50. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

### **Payroll & Bills for July 7, 2010**

- RC10-217 Veigel moved, Fuller seconded the Board hereby approves Voucher 9888 totaling \$290,047.28 for payroll of July 7, 2010, and Voucher 9889 totaling \$624,752.51 in payment of bills for July 7, 2010. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS****Authorize Repair – Grader #457**

Steve Puuri, Managing Director, stated the engine in this grader recently failed and this is an essential year-round piece of equipment. Mr. Puuri stated that the Road Commission realized some bid savings this year and staff is recommending to utilize a portion of the savings to replace the engine. Jim Harmon, Director of Operations, provided a description of what the grader engine repair would entail.

RC10-218 Fuller moved, Rutledge seconded, that upon the recommendation of the Director of Operations and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves the engine replacement by AIS Construction Equipment Corporation, 3600 N. Grand River Avenue, Lansing, MI for Grader #457 in the amount of \$18,939.71. Voice Vote: YEAS: 2 NAYS: 1 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

**Replacement Truck #227**

Jim Harmon, Director of Operations, provided a description of the high mileage one-ton dump truck that he proposed for replacement and he described how this vehicle is utilized year-round. Mr. Harmon stated that there are four one-ton dump trucks in the fleet that have exceeded the factory recommended service life. Commissioner Fuller stated he sees no other reasonable alternative and feels we need to move forward on replacing this vehicle. Commissioner Veigel asked how many pickup trucks of this type does the Road Commission own. Mr. Harmon responded there are nine one-ton dump trucks in the Road Commission fleet.

RC10-219 Fuller moved Rutledge seconded, that upon the recommendation of the Director of Operations and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves the purchase of a new 1 ton pickup truck to replace Truck #227 for the standard equipped cost of \$37,000.00 through the State of Michigan MIDEal Purchasing Program. Voice Vote: YEAS: 2 NAYS: 1 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

**REPORTS****County Commissioner's Report**

County Commissioner Prater reported that at the last Board of Commissioners meeting, a resolution was approved to begin the process of transparency of putting the County's checkbook on the Washtenaw County website beginning on August 1, 2010. Commissioner Prater stated that there was also a resolution passed to rescind the land bank and the County will continue the process to put together the land bank to get rid of unwanted properties and clear ground to maintain property values. Commissioner Prater introduced Mr. Bill Reynolds, the new Washtenaw County Deputy County Administrator.

**Road Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Veigel reported the Parks Commission is doing a very good job finishing up the border to border trail system. Commissioner Veigel commented that he felt Mr. Reynolds was the ideal candidate for the County Deputy Administrator position and welcomed him.

Commissioner Fuller stated that the Road Commission has begun their annual chip seal program this week and that the Washtenaw County Road Commission has put down the best chip seal he has seen in the 40 years he has been in the road business. Commissioner Fuller also received comment from the Webster Township Supervisor that they were very pleased with the job the Road Commission crews are doing on chip sealing.

**MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Staff Report of 6-28-10 to 7-11-10**

**Wolff Road – Update**

Roy Townsend, Director of Engineering, stated that he presented the various repair options for Wolff Road to the Township Supervisor last week and they have set a follow-up meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup> to review the options. Following this meeting with the Supervisor, Mr. Townsend will provide an update to the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

RC10-220 Veigel moved, Fuller seconded to adjourn the July 20, 2010 meeting at 2:00 p.m. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Douglas E. Fuller  
 David E. Rutledge, Chair

DOUGLAS E FULLER  
 Steven M. Puuri, Deputy Clerk

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