

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS

555 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Minutes of October 5, 2010

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

County Rep. Absent: County Commissioner Wes Prater

Staff Present: S. Puuri, R. Townsend, J. Harmon, C. Ryan, D. Ackerman, L. Beyer, J. Knight, A. Berkholz

Others Present: B. Stein, G. Lobdell, L. Allmendinger, B. Fuller, P. Heinrich, P. Stone, E. White, M. Day

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RC10-264 Veigel moved, Fuller seconded to approve the agenda as presented.
Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the October 5, 2010 Board Meeting.

RC10-265 Veigel moved Fuller seconded, the Board hereby accepts the Board Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2010, as presented. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Frains Lake Road – Permit Clause

Mr. Mike Parker addressed the Board requesting that the wording in clause #12 of the WCRC permit application be changed from “at will” to “for cause”. Commissioner Rutledge suggested that this item be added to the agenda for the next Board meeting for discussion. Steve Puuri replied that the standard permit procedures allow for any permit decision to be appealed. Mr. Puuri also stated that a legal opinion should be obtained prior to changing the intent of clause #12

Ann Arbor/Saline Road Resurfacing Estimate

Peter Stone addressed the Board regarding resurfacing Ann Arbor/Saline Road to the eastbound I-94 ramps. This item was on the Board agenda and discussed later in this meeting.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

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

- A. Issued on September 21, 2010. A Media Advisory was issued by Brent Schlack, Traffic & Safety Supervisor, regarding a meeting location change for the Ford Boulevard Public Information Meeting to be held at the Ypsilanti Township Civic Center from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A copy of this correspondence was provided to the Board for review.
- B. Issued on September 22, 2010. A Media Advisory was issued by Matt MacDonell, Permits & Subdivision Supervisor, regarding the temporary railroad crossing closures on Warren Road in Ann Arbor Township imposed by MDOT to occur on Monday, September 25, 2010. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.
- C. Issued on September 23, 2010. A Media Advisory was issued by Matt MacDonell, Permits & Subdivision Supervisor, regarding the temporary road closure on Harris Road at the intersection of Duncan Road imposed by the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority (YCUA) on Monday morning, September 27, 2010 for the removal of the existing out of service sanitary pump station and road paving. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.
- D. Issued on October 1, 2010. A Press Release was issued on October 1, 2010, regarding residents preparing their mailboxes for winter. A copy of this Press Release, a Fact Sheet and a Resolution from the State of Michigan is provided to the Board for review. A copy of this Press Release was issued to the Board for review.

Letter of Appreciation – Dexter-Pinckney Bridge

Commissioner Fuller read a letter of appreciation for the excellent work WCRC staff performed on the Dexter-Pinckney Bridge project and presented individual appreciation letters to staff.

NEW BUSINESS**CONSENT AGENDA**

The items approved on the Consent Agenda are as follows:

RC10-266 Veigel moved, Fuller seconded the approval of the Consent Agenda for the October 5, 2010 meeting, as presented. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

2011 Mineral Well Brine – Contract Pricing Extension

RC10-267 Veigel moved, Fuller seconded that upon the recommendation of the Director of Operations and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby agrees to the option of extending 2010 pricing on mineral well brine for 2011 as submitted by Michigan Chloride Sales, 402 West Jackson, St. Louis, Michigan 48880. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Reschedule Board meeting of November 2, 2010 to November 4, 2010

RC10-268 Veigel moved, Fuller seconded the Board hereby reschedules the November 2, 2010 meeting of the County Board of Road Commissioners to Thursday, November 4, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Payroll & Bills for September 29, 2010

RC10-269 Veigel moved, Fuller seconded the Board hereby approves Voucher 9900 totaling \$270,041.60 for payroll of September 29, 2010, and Voucher 9901 totaling \$1,561,941.01 in payment of bills for September 29, 2010. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

REPORTS

Road Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Fuller stated he attended our recent public information meetings, one of which was the road diet being proposed for Ford Boulevard. Commissioner Fuller asked if there is a provision in the contractor agreements stating what the communication guidelines are for each project.

WCRC Permit Clause

Commissioner Rutledge suggested not changing the wording in the permit document but make it clear citizens have the right to appeal. County Commissioner Prater asked if it should be investigated why such language is in the permit. Commissioner Rutledge reminded that the Road Commission just finished the ISO process which standardizes policies and procedures. Dave Rutledge suggested bringing this item back as an agenda item for the next Board meeting. Upon further discussion, it was agreed that the Managing Director would add a note on the Standard Permit Terms & Conditions that shall state any notice of action can be appealed to the Board.

RC10-270 Veigel moved, Rutledge seconded that the Standard Permit Terms & Conditions shall state any notice of action can be appealed to the Board. Voice Vote: YEAS: 2 NAYS: 1 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

County Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Prater reported that the County Administration is beginning to work on the 2012 and 2013 budget. The information being provided indicates that the equalization taxable value is continuing to decrease and may continue for another 1-2 years. Commissioner Prater stated that the County will be \$16 million over budget for the next two years which will result in some reduction in county services.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**Staff Report of 9-13-10 to 9-26-10**

Mr. Puuri provided a review of current road projects. Commissioner Rutledge inquired about the amount of crack sealing that is being performed on our roads. Steve Puuri responded we had an extensive crack sealing program this year including 20 miles of road. Additionally, we performed another 33 miles of crack sealing which was covered with a sealcoat. Jim Harmon, Director of Operations, stated there is not enough funding to do all the crack filling that needs to be done so the Road Commission has to prioritize crack sealing locations. The proposed Capital Improvement Plan maintains our recent levels of crack/chip sealing programs.

Michigan Transportation Fund Receipts

Mr. Puuri reported that the August MTF is 6.7% above the same month a year ago. Mr. Puuri stated that if we continue to receive MTF revenue at the current level, we should finish 2010 at approximately \$16.1 million.

Ann Arbor/Saline Road Resurfacing Estimate – EB I-94 ramps to Eisenhower

Roy Townsend, Director of Engineering, provided an estimate to resurface this project. Mr. Townsend explained that this project involves the WCRC, MDOT and the City of Ann Arbor. Mr. Townsend further stated that no funding has been identified for this project. Mr. Townsend stated that he had brief discussions with a representative from the City of Ann Arbor who stated that the top priority for the city is to replace the Stadium Boulevard bridges. Mr. Townsend stated that there may be the possibility of applying for an economic development grant. Commissioner Rutledge directed staff to identify potential funding sources. Commissioner Fuller suggested communicating directly to the City of Ann Arbor to determine if they are willing to prioritize this project.


2011 Proposed Service Delivery Efficiencies

Steve Puuri, Managing Director, provided a review of some proposed 2011 Service Delivery Efficiencies. Mr. Puuri stated these delivery efficiencies could help to reduce the budget shortfall. Mr. Puuri requested comments and suggestions from the Board so any approved changes could be included in the 2011 budget proposal. Commissioner Fuller stated that he does not feel there is any reason to reduce the amount of money available for the local road drainage matching program.

County Commissioner Prater asked what is proposed regarding the tree removal operation. Mr. Puuri stated the tree crew is a high risk occupation and consideration should be given to utilizing a contracted service for high risk tree removal. Commissioner Prater stated there needs to be an increase in tree removal in ditch lines. Mr. Puuri responded that the drainage matching program has provided a means to increase the tree removal in ditches. Jim Harmon stated as an example, that a number of trees were removed as part of the drainage matching program along Talladay Road in Augusta Township.

ADJOURNMENT

RC10-270 Veigel moved, Fuller seconded to adjourn the October 5, 2010 meeting at 2:35 p.m. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.



Douglas E. Fuller, Vice-Chair



Steven M. Puuri, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved: CEA