

**WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS**  
555 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
*Minutes of September 7, 2010*

Board Present: Road Commissioners, Doug Fuller and Fred Veigel  
Board Absent: Road Commissioner David Rutledge  
County Rep. Absent: County Commissioner Wes Prater  
Staff Present: S. Puuri, R. Townsend, J. Harmon, C. Ryan, M. MacDonell, C. Brochue  
Others Present: B. Stein, G. Lobdell, L. Allmindinger, E. Kurath, R. Fabian, T. Dwyer,  
M. Callegari, P. Stone, B. Fuller

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Douglas E. Fuller, Vice-Chair. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RC10-244 Veigel moved, Fuller seconded to approve the agenda as presented.  
Voice Vote: YEAS: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the August 17, 2010 Board Meeting.

RC10-245 Veigel moved Fuller seconded, the Board hereby accepts the Board Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2010, as presented. Voice Vote: YEAS: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

**Hickman Road - drainage**

Ms. Ellen Kurath addressed the Board regarding erosion accumulating in the roadside bleeders on Hickman Road which obstructs the water from getting into the ditches.

**2010 Saline Township Limestone Program**

Mike Callegari complimented the Road Commission crews for their excellent work on the 2010 Saline Township local road Limestone Program. Mr. Callegari stated that it was observed that the road crews worked very effectively together as a team and their excellent work is much appreciated by Saline Township.

**Ann Arbor/Saline Road – I-94 Intersection**

Peter Stone addressed the Board asking if the resurfacing of Ann Arbor/Saline Road at I-94 could be prioritized. Roy Townsend, Director of Engineering, responded that this roadway has not been scheduled for resurfacing due to lack of funding. Commissioner Fuller directed staff to bring back to the Board at the first meeting in October 2010 proposed options that could be considered to move this project forward.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

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

- A. Issued on August 16, 2010. A Media Advisory was issued by Ed Reed, Superintendent of Maintenance, regarding the culvert replacements and pavement resurfacing on Huron River Drive in Scio Township between Wagner Road and Maple Road beginning on Monday, August 23, 2010, lasting approximately one week. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.
- B. Issued on August 18, 2010. A Media Advisory was issued by Aaron Berkholz, Construction Supervisor, regarding asphalt paving at the Rawsonville Road/Bemis Road intersection on Thursday, August 19, 2010, lasting one (1) day. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.
- C. Received on August 19, 2010. An email correspondence was received from Jody Kulik, thanking the Washtenaw County Road Commission for the intersection improvement of the new Stony Creek roundabout. A copy of this correspondence was provided to the Board for review.
- D. Issued on August 20, 2010. A Media Advisory was issued by Matt MacDonell, Permits & Subdivision Section Supervisor, regarding various temporary railroad crossing closures the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will be imposing on various roads in Northfield Township and Ann Arbor Township during the months of August and September. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.
- E. Issued on August 26, 2010. A Media Advisory was issued by Matt MacDonell, Permits & Subdivision Supervisor, regarding the Temporary Railroad Crossing Closures on Tuesday, August 31, 2010 on Main Street and 8-Mile Road in Northfield Township. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.
- F. Issued on August 25, 2010. A Media Advisory was issued by Aaron Berkholz, Construction Supervisor, regarding the start of construction operations on Oak Valley Drive, between Scio Church Road and Waters Road on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 with additional final construction taking place mid-October for five days. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.

- G. Issued on August 27, 2010. A Media Advisory was issued by Matt MacDonell, Permits & Subdivision Supervisor, regarding a temporary road closure issued by Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority (YCUA) on Monday morning, August 30, 2010, on Harris Road at the intersection of Duncan Road for the installation of a sanitary pump station. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.
- H. Issued on August 31, 2010. A Media Advisory was issued by Matt MacDonell, Permits & Subdivision Supervisor, regarding MDOT imposing Temporary Railroad Crossing closures on 5-Mile Road in Northfield Township and Pontiac Trail Road in Ann Arbor Township on Tuesday, September 7, 2010. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.
- I. Issued on August 31, 2010. A Media Advisory was issued by Ed Reed, Superintendent of Maintenance, regarding the closure of Gale Road from Geddes Road to Vreeland Road for the placement of limestone. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.
- J. Issued on September 1, 2010. A Media Advisory was issued by Brent Schlack, Traffic & Safety Supervisor, regarding a Public Information Meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2010, regarding options for Golfside Road between Packard Road and Clark Road. A copy of this advisory was provided to Board for review.
- K. Issued on September 1, 2010. A Media Advisory was issued by Brent Schlack, Traffic & Safety Supervisor, regarding a Public Information meeting to be held Thursday, September 30, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. regarding options for Ford boulevard between Ecorse Road and Holmes Road. A copy of this advisory is provided to the Board for review.
- L. Received on September 1, 2010. A correspondence was received from Deb Mozurkewich, Northfield Township Supervisor, thanking the Road Commission for their prompt repair/resurfacing work completed on East Shore Drive in Northfield Township. A copy of this correspondence was provided to the Board for review.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The items approved on the Consent Agenda are as follows:

- RC10-246 Veigel moved, Fuller seconded the approval of the Consent Agenda for the September 7, 2010 meeting, as presented. Voice Vote: YEAS: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

### **Campus Parkway Road Closure – Saline High School Homecoming Parade**

- RC10-247 Veigel moved, Fuller seconded that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves the closure of Campus Parkway from Industrial Drive to State Road for the Saline High School Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 1, 2010 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Voice Vote: YEAS: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

**Oak Valley Drive – Temporary Construction Zone Traffic Control Order**

RC10-248 Veigel moved, Fuller seconded that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves a Temporary Construction Zone Traffic Control Order (TCO) to reduce the speed limit to 35 mph on Oak Valley Drive within the project limits for the duration of the construction project. Voice Vote: YEAS: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

**Payroll & Bills for August 18, 2010**

RC10-249 Veigel moved, Fuller seconded the Board hereby approves Voucher 9894 totaling \$284,887.08 for payroll of August 18, 2010, and Voucher 9895 totaling \$888,990.95 in payment of bills for August 18, 2010. Voice Vote: YEAS: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

**Payroll & Bills for August 18, 2010**

RC10-250 Veigel moved, Fuller seconded the Board hereby approves Voucher 9896 totaling \$287,938.50 for payroll of September 1, 2010, and Voucher 9897 totaling \$888,639.29 in payment of bills for September 1, 2010. Voice Vote: YEAS: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

**ACTION ITEMS****Oak Hollow Road Land Division**

Roy Townsend, Director of Engineering, provided an overview of the concerns with the Oak Hollow Road Land Division development. Mr. Townsend stated that Oak Hollow Road has never been completed to become a public road. Mr. Townsend stated that the agreement between the Road Commission and the developer was never signed and the WCRC does not have right-of-way. There are also concerns about drainage in this area. Mr. Townsend stated that several punch list items were never completed and there is no value to adding Oak Hollow Road as a public road into the roadway system. Mr. Townsend stated that Oak Hollow Road would meet Scio Township's standards for a private road. Staff is recommending the Road Commission relinquish all rights and turn Oak Hollow Road into a private road that can be incorporated into the road system.

Mr. Richard Fabian addressed the Board regarding Oak Hollow Road Land Division. Mr. Fabian does not feel there are any drainage problems with Oak Hollow Road. Mr. Fabian stated that he asked the Road Commission to do a pilot program 13 years ago and he was asked at that time to not complete the road and turn the road over to the Road Commission until the subdivision is complete. Mr. Fabian stated that he has discussed this road with Scio Township and was advised that the township does not want the road and directed him to go to the Road Commission.

RC10-251 Fuller moved, Veigel seconded

WHEREAS, the developer for the Oak Hollow Land Division has not completed Oak Hollow Drive in accordance with the Washtenaw County Road Commission Procedures and Regulations for Developing Public Roads; and

WHEREAS, the developer has not conveyed the right-of-way for Oak Hollow Drive to the Road Commission; and

WHEREAS, Oak Hollow Drive does not provide any current or future interconnection access to surrounding parcels.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby relinquishes the Washtenaw County Road Commission's interest in the project. Voice Vote: YEAS: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

## **REPORTS**

### **Road Commissioner's Report**

Commissioner Doug Fuller complimented staff on a job well done with the completion and opening of the Dexter-Pinkney Bridge. Commissioner Fuller asked that staff bring back at the next Board meeting a construction timeline summary of the Scio Hills SAD project. Commissioner Fuller complimented staff on the work being performed at the intersection of Willis Road/Carpenter Road.

### **County Commissioner's Report**

County Commissioner Prater reported that the County will be starting to prepare its 2011-2012 budget. Commissioner Prater also stated that the discount drug cards are being distributed and the average prescription drug discount is up to 24%. Commissioner Prater stated that at the last Board Meeting, the Board of Commissioners approved a continuation of the Land Bank and the County is currently seeking additional funding for this program.

## **MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **Staff Report of 8-9-10 to 8-29-10**

Steve Puuri provided a review of construction activities during this time period. Mr. Puuri stated that our contractor is having a difficult time getting pavement marking paint delivered due to a nationwide paint shortage.

Commissioner Prater asked for the status of the Lincoln Schools lawsuit. Mr. Puuri provided a review and stated this trial began on August 30<sup>th</sup> and is anticipated to continue for three weeks.

### **Michigan Transportation Fund Receipts**

Mr. Puuri stated that the Michigan Transportation Funds came in higher than July of 2009. This is the third month of the year the MTF has been in the positive.

**2011 – 2014 Capital Improvement Plan (Draft)**

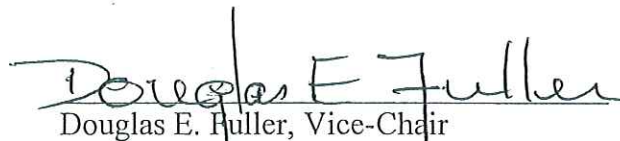
Steve Puuri, Managing Director, provided a review of the 2011-2015 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Mr. Puuri provided a brief overview of the CIP, as being any project or activity with costs exceeding \$100,000, which adds service life to a road, facility or equipment. Mr. Puuri stated in summary, \$10 million dollars of MTF are required during the 5-year timeframe to fund this level of capital improvement. Mr. Puuri stated that the funded project list over a five year period is \$30,460,000 and the unfunded projects are \$101,594,000, clearly indicating that there is more needs being requested than available funding. This "draft" CIP was provided to the Board for review, Staff will present the revised CIP at the next Working Session on September 21, 2010 with alternative strategies to this plan.

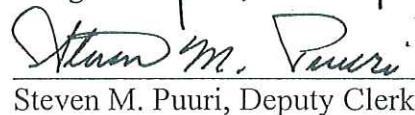
**Wolff Road – Update**

Roy Townsend, Director of Engineering, met with Ron Mann, Manchester Township Supervisor, regarding road improvement options for Wolff Road. Mr. Townsend provided options that were discussed including an SAD as being one option. Commissioner Fuller stated that conversations should continue with the township regarding funding options for road improvements to Wolff Road.

**ADJOURNMENT**

RC10-251 Veigel moved, Fuller seconded to adjourn the September 7, 2010 meeting at 2:05 p.m. Voice Vote: YEAS: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0  
Motion Carried.

  
Douglas E. Fuller, Vice-Chair

  
Steven M. Puuri, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved: CER