WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
555 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103
Minutes of October 18, 2016

Board Present: Road Commissioners Douglas Fuller, Barbara Fuller, William McFarlane

Staff Present: R. Townsend, J. Harmon, S. Siddall, C. Ryan

Others Present: G. Lobdell, B. Stein, K. VanBuren

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RC16-377 B. Fuller moved, McFarlane seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES

RC16-378 B. Fuller moved, McFarlane seconded, the Board hereby approves the Board Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2016 as presented. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Weber Road Bridge Closure

Kathy Van Buren addressed the Board regarding the Weber Road Bridge closure. Ms. Van Buren stated that Lodi Township approved funding on August 19, 2016 to repair this bridge. Ms. Van Buren stated that there has been increased traffic on Textile Road due to the Textile-Ann Arbor/Saline Roundabout project and Textile Road and surrounding roads are in bad condition with a lot of pot holes. Ms. Van Buren asked how the weight limit was determined regarding the weight restriction signs. Ms. Van Buren also stated there was concern from residents when the road barricade and road closure sign on the corner of Alber Road and Weber Road was removed and a dead end sign put in giving the perception the bridge was permanently closed. Ms. Van Buren stated that with the Weber Road Bridge closed, school children in this area have no bus service, the garbage truck coming down the road has to back up in a driveway to service the last six houses before Weber Road to turn around. Ms. Van Buren asked why there were Road Commission trucks at the Weber Road location around the end of September. Ms. Van Buren also stated the closure of this bridge has increased their driving distance and they are spending over $300 dollars more in gas due to the detour distance with this bridge being closed. The Board directed staff to meet with Ms. Van Buren after the Board meeting to discuss her concerns.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A. Issued on October 12, 2016. A Media Advisory was issued by Kelly Jones, Senior Project Manager, regarding the reopening of Strawberry Lake Road between Walsh Road and Mast Road in Webster Township on Tuesday, October 11th. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.

B. Issued on October 10, 2016. A Media Advisory was issued by Adam Lape, Assistant Superintendent of Maintenance, regarding the closure of Warren Road between Dixboro Road and Vorhies Road in Superior Township on Wednesday, October 12th for culvert repair. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.

C. Issued on October 10, 2016. A Media Advisory was issued by Adam Lape, Assistant Superintendent of Maintenance, regarding the closure of State Road between Avis Drive and Venture Drive in Pittsfield Township on Wednesday, October 12th for a culvert replacement. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.

D. Issued on October 10, 2016. A Media Advisory was issued by Kelly Jones, Senior Project Manager, regarding the closure of Jerusalem Road between Steinbach Road and Dancer Road in Lima Township on Monday, October 10th for bridge repairs. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.

E. Issued on October 4, 2016. A Media Advisory was issued by Brent Schlack, Assistant Director of Engineering, regarding Intersection Signal Upgrade work at the intersection of Dexter-Ann Arbor Road and Zeeb Road in Scio Township on Thursday, October 6, 2016. A copy of this correspondence is provided to the Board for review.

F. Issued on October 4, 2016. A Media Advisory was issued by Mark McCulloch, Senior Project Manager, regarding an educational presentation and Q&A session regarding roundabouts and traffic signals to be held on Tuesday, October 18th from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Ann Arbor District Library's downtown branch. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.

G. Issued on October 3, 2016. A Media Advisory was issued by Mike Bernbeck, Operations Engineer, regarding milling and resurfacing on Helen Avenue between Ellsworth Road and Crestwood Avenue in Pittsfield Township on Wednesday, October 5th. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.

H. Issued on October 3, 2016. A Media Advisory was issued by Mike Bernbeck, Operations Engineer, regarding milling and resurfacing on Burnham Road from Oak Valley Drive south 1500 ft. in Pittsfield Township on Wednesday, October 5th. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.

I. Issued on September 30, 2016. A Media Advisory was issued by Kelly Jones, Sr. Project Manager, Construction, regarding the closure of Maple Road between Milkey Road and Mooreville Road on Wednesday, October 5th with work expected to be completed by November 4th, to perform repairs to the Maple Road bridge over the Saline River. A copy of this advisory was provided to the Board for review.

CONSENT AGENDA

The items approved on the Consent Agenda are as follows:

RC16-379 B. Fuller moved, McFarlane seconded the approval of the Consent Agenda for October 18, 2016 as presented. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

2016 Operations Department Capital Equipment Purchase – 1-Ton Trucks Component Outfitting

RC16-380 B. Fuller moved, McFarlane seconded that upon the recommendation of the Director of Operations and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves the component outfitting purchase from Truck & Trailer Specialties, Inc. for two (2) new 2017 GMC 3500HD 4WD trucks in the amount of $47,382.00 through the State of Michigan MIDeal Purchasing Program. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

2016-2017 Winter Maintenance Guidelines

RC16-381 B. Fuller moved, McFarlane seconded that upon the recommendation of the Director of Operations and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves the 2016-2017 Winter Maintenance Guidelines. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

City of Ann Arbor Agreement – Liberty Road @ Scio Ridge Road

RC16-382 B. Fuller moved, McFarlane seconded that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby approves and authorizes the Chair and Managing Director to sign the City of Ann Arbor agreement for the design and administration of the construction of a traffic signal at the intersection of Liberty Road and Scio Ridge Road at the estimated cost of $100,863.03; with the City of Ann Arbor responsible for 30% of the construction costs not exceeding $30,000.00. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Topographic Survey Contract – Textile Road

RC16-383 B. Fuller moved, McFarlane seconded that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby authorizes the Managing Director to sign a purchase order to pay Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber (FTC&H) to complete a topographic land survey to pave Textile Road and the associated non-motorized pathway in Sections 21, 22, 27 & 28 of Pittsfield Township, at a cost not to exceed $34,450.00. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Payroll & Bills for October 5, 2016

RC16-384 B. Fuller moved, McFarlane seconded the Board hereby approves Voucher 10214 totaling $270,357.35 for payroll of October 5, 2016, and Voucher 10215 totaling $1,666,919.22 in payment of bills for October 5, 2016. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

REPORTS

ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Bill McFarlane

No Report.

Commissioner Barb Fuller

Commissioner Barb Fuller attended the following meetings:

- October 7 – A2Y Impact Luncheon
- October 10 – Dexter City Council Meeting
- October 11 – Parks & Rec Meeting
- October 15 – Dexter Forum

Commissioner Doug Fuller

Commissioner Doug Fuller talked with Harley Rider, Dexter Township Supervisor, regarding resurfacing of Island Lake Road.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

STAFF REPORT – 9-26-16 to 10-9-16

Operations Report – Jim Harmon, Director of Operations

- The annual Dry Run Inspections are underway.
- Jim Harmon presented to the General Policy Committee on reaching agreement for a new five year State Trunkline Maintenance Contract.
- An emergency culvert replacement was completed on Wednesday, October 12th on State Road between Avis Drive and Venture Drive in Pittsfield Township.

Engineering Report – Sheryl Siddall, Director of Engineering

- The Preventative Bridge Maintenance work has begun.
- The Ann Arbor/Textile Road Roundabout is on schedule to be complete by the end of October.
- The SAD work for Lone Oak and Scio Meadow Commons is nearly complete.
- Two Preconstruction meetings have been scheduled for Plymouth Road signal work and the Scio Church/Wagner Road Roundabout.
- Staff is submitting plans for 2017 projects.
- The culvert on Warren Road between Earhart Road and Nixon Road has failed and will be closed on Thursday, October 20, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

RC16-385 McFarlane moved, B. Fuller seconded to adjourn the October 18, 2016 meeting at 1:32 p.m. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Douglas E. Fuller

Douglas E. Fuller, Chair

Roy D. Townsend, Deputy Clerk

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