

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS
555 North Zeeb Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103
Minutes of October 17, 2017

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

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

Others Present: R. Jamnick, A. Kaiser, D. Hazzard

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

RC17-371 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

RC17-372 B. Fuller moved, McFarlane seconded, the Board hereby approves the Board Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2017 as presented. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

RC17-373 B. Fuller moved, McFarlane seconded, the Board hereby approves the Board Working Session Minutes of October 10, 2017 as presented with noted changes. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

N. Harris Road/Cross Street Roundabout

Ms. Arloa Kaiser stated her concerns with the sidewalk design of the N. Harris Road/Cross Street Roundabout project. Mr. Kaiser feels the design of this roundabout is not safe and she is not in favor of this project.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Issued: October 10, 2017
 From: Brent Schlack, Assistant Director of Engineering – Traffic and Safety
 Project/Location: **Ivey Road** 600 Feet north of Bush Road
 Township: Sylvan
 Project Date: October 12, 2017
 Description: Culvert Replacement

Received: October 5, 2017 – Correspondence
 From: Lisa Frederick
 Project/Location: **Geddes Road Bridge** between Superior Road and Prospect Road
 Township: Superior
 Description: Thank you to the Road Commission for the wonderful job on the Geddes Road Bridge and road resurfacing.

Received: October 4, 2017 – Email Correspondence
 From: Jeff Dagg, Instructional Coach, Wylie Elementary School, Dexter
 Project/Location: **Story of Dexter Main Street Bridge Replacement**
 Township: Dexter
 Description: Thank you to Kelly Jones for presenting to the Wylie Elementary School students.

Issued: October 3, 2017 – Media Advisory
 From: Ken Harris, Assistant Superintendent of Maintenance
 Project/Location: **Pleasant Lake Road** between Zeeb Road and Gensley Road
 Project Date: October 1
 Township: Lodi
 Description: Cross Road Culvert Replacement

Issued: October 3, 2017 – Media Advisory
 From: Brent Schlack, Assistant Director of Engineering – Traffic & Safety
 Project/Location: **Tubbs Road** between Huron River Drive and Stein Road
 Project Date: October 9
 Township: Scio
 Description: Guardrail Replacement

Issued: October 2, 2017 – Media Advisory
 From: Ken Harris, Assistant Superintendent of Maintenance
 Project/Location: **Wolff Road** between Sharon Hollow Road and End of Road
 Project Date: October 3
 Township: Manchester
 Description: Culvert Replacement

Issued: October 2, 2017 – Media Advisory
 From: Mark McCulloch, Senior Project Manager
 Project/Location: **Austin Road** between Ernst Road and Schneider Road
 Project Date: October 3
 Township: Bridgewater
 Description: Mill and Pavement Resurfacing

Issued: September 9, 2017 – Media Advisory
 From: Mark McCulloch, Senior Project Manager
 Project/Location: **Freer Road** from Old US 12 to Trinkle Road
 Project Date: October 3
 Township: Lima/City of Chelsea
 Description: Mill and Pavement Resurfacing

Received: September 15, 2017
 From: Brian Ackley
 Description: Thanking Lisa Jones, WCRC Receptionist for being extremely professional and very helpful at all times.

Issued: September 29, 2017 – Media Advisory
 From: Kelly Jones, Senior Project Manager – Construction
 Project/Location: **Macon Road Bridge Closure** – Macon Road over North Branch of Macon Creek
 Project Date: Effective October 2
 Township: Saline
 Description: Bridge closure – structural deterioration

Issued: September 28, 2017
 From: Elena Yadykina, Civil Engineer
 Project/Location: **New Traffic Signal** – Carpenter Road at Carpenter Place
 Township: Pittsfield
 Description: Activation of new traffic signal

Issued: September 28, 2017
 From: Mike Bernbeck, Operations Engineer
 Project/Location: **East Shore Drive** between Seven Mile Road and the Livingston County Line
 Township: Northfield
 Description: Hot Mix Asphalt Resurfacing

CONSENT AGENDA

The items approved on the Consent Agenda are as follows:

RC17-374 B. Fuller moved, McFarlane seconded the approval of the Consent Agenda for October 17, 2017 as presented. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Textile Road Improvements – Final Plan Approval

RC17-375 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 the final plans, specifications and estimate of approximately \$4.34 million, for the construction of Textile Road intersection improvements between State Road and Michigan Avenue (U.S. 12) located in Sections 21, 22, 27 & 28 of Pittsfield Township. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Traffic Signal Equipment Purchase

RC17-376 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 the purchase order for the purchase of traffic signal equipment at a cost of \$61,829.87 through the State of Michigan MIDEAL Purchasing Program to be utilized for the modernization of the traffic signal at the intersection of Ford Boulevard and Forest Avenue. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Nexus Agreement for Tree Removal & Clearing

RC17-377 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 the Agreement between NEXUS Gas Transmission, LLC and WCRC for the tree removal and clearing within various road right-of-ways required to establish sight distance for the pipeline's temporary construction driveways. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Mineral Well Brine Bid

RC17-378 B. Fuller moved, McFarlane seconded that upon the recommendation of the Director of Operations and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board accepts the bid for 2018 requirements of mineral well brine as submitted by Chloride Solutions, L.L.C., 672 North M-52, Webberville, MI 48892. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

22A Gravel Bid

RC17-379 B. Fuller moved, McFarlane seconded that upon the recommendation of the Director of Operations and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board accepts the low and second low bids for 2018 requirements of 22a gravel delivered as submitted by Osburn Industries, 5850 Pardee, Taylor, MI 48180 and Stoneco, 15203 S. Telegraph Road, Monroe, MI 48161. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Henzie Road Culvert – Stream Relocation Bid

RC17-380 B. Fuller moved, McFarlane seconded that upon the recommendation of the County Highway Engineer and the concurrence of the Managing Director, the Board hereby rejects the bid submitted for the stream relocation work in Iron Creek at Henzie Road in Section 27 of Manchester Township and directs staff to rebid in 2018. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Mast Road and North Territorial Road Safety Project – Final Plan Approval

RC17-381 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 the final plans, specifications, and estimate at \$1,031,811 for the Mast Road and North Territorial Road Safety Project and authorizes the County Highway Engineer to sign the title sheet. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Payroll & Bills for October 4, 2017

RC17-382 B. Fuller moved, McFarlane seconded the Board hereby approves Voucher 10266 totaling \$272,299.43 for payroll of October 4, 2017, and Voucher 10267 totaling \$1,172,249.57 in payment of bills for October 4, 2017. Voice Vote: YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

REPORTS**County Commissioner's Report**

No report.

ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORTS**Commissioner Bill McFarlane**

Commissioner McFarlane and Roy Townsend, Managing Director, attended the County Committee Meeting regarding the county wide road funding millage.

Commissioners Bill McFarlane and Doug Fuller and Roy Townsend, Managing Director, attended the Matthaai Botanical Trail, Ribbon Cutting Ceremony that was well attended.

Commissioner Barb Fuller

Commissioner Barb Fuller attended the following meetings:

- October 10 Parks & Recreation Meeting
- Ducks Unlimited - wetlands and grassland restoration grants for private land.
 - Connecting Communities Grant Awards
 - Historic District Commission
- October 16 Board of Commissioners Meeting
Broadband Sub-Committee Meeting

Commissioner Doug Fuller

Commissioner Doug Fuller and Roy Townsend, Managing Director, attended the A2Y Regional Chamber meeting on October 13th.

Commissioner Doug Fuller reported that there is an open lawsuit between a number of aggrieved counties and the Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool (MCRCSIP). Commissioner Fuller stated that when Ingham County first withdrew from having a County Road Commission, they were by a matter of law prohibited from receiving insurance from the MCRCSIP. Ingham County filed suit against the MCRCSIP asking for a refund during the period they were part of the MCRCSIP pool. Commissioner Fuller stated that Jackson County was in the same position and joined this lawsuit. The District Courts determined in favor of the MCRCSIP but last week the Appellate Court issued a ruling reversing the District Court ruling. Commissioner Fuller stated that this lawsuit will be monitored.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT**STAFF REPORT – 9-25 to 10-8-17****Jim Harmon, Director of Operations**

- Shield Road Bridge –Cadillac Asphalt should have the roadway resurfacing completed by the end of this week.
- Ridge Road/York Township – the road has been pulverized, paving is forthcoming.
- Dry Run Winter Maintenance Preparations are well under way.
- Salt Deliveries – NE Service Center and SE Service Center are loaded with salt and 4500 tons will be loaded in the main yard.
- Hobbs & Black – are underway with our planning update for the main yard.
- Tubbs Road – limestone resurfacing is complete. Working with the contractor to install the guardrail and open the road today.

NE Service Center Update

Jim Harmon, Director of Operations, provided an update on the NE Service Center. The fire water tank was installed. The temporary driveway has been removed. A lot of property plantings have been planted. The garage is enclosed. Inside mechanical and electrical work is continuing. We are looking to take occupancy the end of November 2017.

Sheryl Siddall, Director of Engineering

- Shield Road Bridge – is close to completion.
- Ridge Road Bridge – is close to completion.
- AA Tech Park – work is completed.
- The guardrail contractor is currently working in several different locations to be complete by the end of the month.
- County wide paving work – Ajax has completed several paving projects.
- Staff is working on final plans for 2018 safety projects on Mast Road and along N. Territorial Road.
- Harris Road & Baker Road Projects are close to final plan submittals

Local Bridge Funding Approvals

WCRC has tentatively received approval for local bridge funding in 2020 for the Miller Road Bridge west of Wagner Road.

2017/2018 Culvert Replacement Schedule

Sheryl Siddall, Director of Engineering, provided a review of the 2017 and 2018 culvert replacement projects.

ADJOURNMENT

RC17-383 McFarlane moved B. Fuller seconded to adjourn the October 17, 2017 meeting at 1:59 p.m. Voice Vote YEAS: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

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Douglas E. Fuller, Chair

Roy D. Townsend, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved: _____