Present: Road Commissioners Douglas Fuller, Barbara Fuller

Board Absent: Rodrick Green

Staff Present: S. Siddall, J. Harmon, D. Ackerman, M. MacDonell, C. Ryan, E. Kizer

Others Present: S. Shink

The Board entered the Working Session at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Sheryl Siddall, Managing Director, shared an email received Saturday morning from a citizen thanking our crews for the very good job of snow plowing during the recent snow event. The crews worked 30 hours overtime over the weekend.

Annual Township Meetings

Sheryl Siddall, Managing Director, provided a review of the Annual Township Meetings format. Putting together the Annual Township Meeting books is a time-consuming effort. Sheryl stated that we consider this a relationship building effort with the townships. We also have a local road program that is made available to all townships. This program has been about a $3 to $4 million dollar investment into our road program. The township meetings are also an effort for ongoing education with the township officials.

Sheryl provided a review of the current Annual Township Process. The WCRC has put in $1.3 million dollars of matching dollars into the local road matching program plus 50% of any culverts on a local road. If the local road matching dollars are not utilized, they are rolled over into the primary road system. Commissioner Doug Fuller requested we provide the townships with information on what the township expected costs would be to maintain culverts and bridges within their townships. Matt MacDonell, Director of Engineering, stated that we have been performing culvert inspections of our culverts from 5' to 20'. In 2019, we re-inspected culverts on the local road system. Culverts will be identified that are in critical condition.

2020 Focus

- Local Road Program
- 2021-2024 County Road & non-motorize millage renewal & restoration
- 2020 road and bridge projects

What do the townships want for township meetings

There will be an effort to solicit input from the townships on how they would like the township meetings to be run and what information they want to see. Sheryl provided a review of possible changes in the township meeting process.
December 2018 – OPEB Report

Dan Ackerman, Director of Finance and IT, provided a review of the December 2018 OPEB Report. In 2008 all agencies were required to quantify what their Other Post-Employment Benefits are. As of 2012, the WCRC no longer provided post-employment benefits to employees hired from 2012 forward. In 2008 we were 7% funded, we are now at 45% funded. Dan stated that the Road Commission puts in $400,000 to $500,000 additional into the OPEB.

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION ITEMS

2019 Communications Year End Review

Emily Kizer, Communications Manager, provided a review of the 2019 WCRC Communications Program including totals on Emails, Social Media and the WCRC Website.

2020 Communications Program

Emily provided a review of the WCRC Communications Program moving forward into 2020.

Board Engagement Opportunities

Emily provided a review of the Chat with the Road Commission sessions.

ADJOURNMENT

B. Fuller moved, D. Fuller seconded to adjourn the January 21, 2020 Working Session at 11:30 a.m. Voice Vote: YEAS: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1 ABSTAIN: 0 Motion Carried.

Douglas E. Fuller, Chair
Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissioners

Barbara Fuller, Vice-Chair
Washtenaw County Board of Road Commissioners