

Board Minutes
January 14, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was held at their office at 500 Huron Street on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. **Present:** Chairman Burch, Commissioner Halstead **Absent:** Vice Chairman McClain, **Administrative staff present:** Managing Director Donald A. Babcock, Clerk of the Board Verna M. Meharg, **Public attending:** Diane Burch, Tim McCarthy, Engineer Tech, Robin Pratt Superintendent, Rusty Argue State Foreman, Leann Neilson

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

It was moved by Commissioner Halstead to nominate Jim Burch for Chairman, seconded by Chairman Burch. Roll call: Burch yea, McClain AB, Halstead yea

It was moved by Commissioner Halstead to nominate Scott McClain for Vice Chairman, seconded by Chairman Burch. Roll call: Burch yea, McClain AB, Halstead yea

It was moved by Commissioner Halstead and seconded by Chairman Burch to approve the Board Minutes of December 31, 2015 as presented. Roll call: Halstead yea, McClain AB, Burch yea

Payroll Voucher #01 in the amount of \$59,686.77 was moved to pay by Commissioner Halstead and seconded by Chairman Burch. Roll call: Burch yea, Halstead yea, McClain AB

Accounts Payable Voucher #08 in the amount of \$139,425.38 was moved to pay by Commissioner Halstead and seconded by Chairman Burch. Roll call: Burch yea, Halstead yea, McClain AB

Accounts Payable Voucher #08-1 in the amount of \$708.80 was moved to pay by Commissioner Halstead and seconded by Chairman Burch. Roll call: Burch yea, Halstead yea, McClain AB

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- **MERS Defined Benefit Plan Adoption Agreement.** It was moved by Commissioner Halstead and seconded by Chairman Burch to authorize Managing Director Babcock to sign the MERS Defined Benefit Plan Adoption increase the Non Union employee's Municipality 2002-10, contribution by 1/2%. Roll call: Burch yea, McClain AB, Halstead yea.
- Results of bid letting of January 8, 2016 for the Fish Hatchery Bridge. Grand River Construction, Inc. was the low bid. Possibly starting in March.
- **Beaver Removal Contract:** It was moved by Commissioner Halstead and seconded by Chairman Burch to extend the current Beaver Removal Contract to Steve Sendek. Roll call: Burch yea, McClain AB, Halstead yea.

NEW BUSINESS:

- It was moved by Commissioner Halstead and seconded by Chairman Burch to authorize Managing Director to bid on a Tandem truck though M/Deal up to \$30,000. Roll call: Burch yea, McClain AB, Halstead yea
- Grand Traverse Mobile Communication submitted a quote to upgrade our Radios to GPS functionality. Tabled

CORRESPONDENCE: None

MANAGING DIRECTORS COMMENTS:

- Arauco update – We are to be notified when the property has been purchased
- All three of our 2016 projects have been accepted by Lansing. Will be setting up a meeting with all involved and looking at a June bid letting.
- Rusty's old pickup truck is junk however, Bill Wood, mechanic would like to purchase this for parts. After some discussion it was moved by Commissioner Halstead and seconded by Chairman Burch to sell the 2005 Chevrolet Silverado to Bill Wood for \$500.00. Roll call: Burch yea, McClain AB, Halstead yea

CLOSED SESSION: Non Union negotiations. It was moved by Commissioner Halstead and seconded by Chairman Burch to close the regular meeting and go into closed session at 4:52 pm. Roll call: Burch yea, McClain AB, Halstead yea

It was moved by Commissioner Halstead and seconded by Chairman Burch to re enter the Regular Board Meeting at 5:16 pm. Roll call: Burch yea, McClain AB, Halstead yea

It was moved by Commissioner Halstead and seconded by Chairman Burch to award Administrative Clerk Leann Neilson an additional \$.25/hr to bring her up to Truck Driver Wage with an evaluation to be done in six months along with an evaluation to be done on Tim McCarthy Engineer Tech.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Chairman Burch would like our Attorney, Rich Jaskowski, to write a letter to Mike Vance regarding employees of the Road Commission hunting at our pits.

There being no further business, Meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Jim Burch, Chairman

Verna M. Meharg, Clerk of the Board