**Board Minutes**

**April 14, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Crawford County Board of Road Commissioners was held at their office at 500 Huron Street on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., **Present:** Vice Chairman Summers, Commissioner Jones., and Commissioner Hanson**.**  **Absent:** Commissioner Larson and Chairman Halstead. **Administrative staff present:** Don Babcock Managing Director, Clerk of the Board Leann Neilson. **Public attending:** Duncan Gray Crawford County Commissioner Liaison to the Road Commission, Tom Coors Maple Forest Township Supervisor, and Lacy Stephan Grayling Township Supervisor. Wendy Kucharek Grayling Township resident, Brian Vaughan with Halliday Sand & Gravel, Nick Opperman with Rieth-Riley Construction, and Alexis Neilson Beaver Creek Township resident.

It was moved by Vice Chairman Summers and supported by Commissioner Jones to approve the April 14, , 2022, Crawford County Road Commission Agenda. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead absent, Hanson yea, Jones yea, Summers yea. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Vice Chairman Summers and supported by Commissioner Jones to approve the March 31, 2022, Board Minutes as presented. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead absent, Hanson yea, Jones yea, Summers yea. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hanson and supported by Commissioner Jones to approve the March 31, 2022, Closed Session Board Minutes as presented. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead absent, Hanson yea, Jones yea, Summers yea. Motion Carried.

**Accounts Payable Voucher #14** in the amount of $256,861.29 was moved to pay by Commissioner Hanson and supported by Vice Chairman Summers.. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead absent, Hanson yea, Jones yea, Summers yea. Motion Carried.

**Cash Flow**: No Discussion.

**Accounts Receivables:** Commissioner Hanson inquired about the State of Michigan outstanding balance. Legal counsel is working on resolving this issue.

**Blade and Brine Report**: Starting to see some improvement on the gravel roads.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**: Wendy Kucharek, Grayling Township resident expressed concern regarding the road conditions in Clough Subdivision and inquired about when it might be resurfaced. Lacey Stephan, Grayling Township Supervisor explained the process for petitioning the township for a special assessment for local roads. A petition is already in circulation for Clough Subdivision. An explanation regarding road funding was also given.

Tom Coors, Maple Forest Township Supervisor inquired about the possibility of County Road 612 resurfacing that is scheduled for 2024 being moved up to an earlier date ahead of Military Road. Task Force 5 – Year Surface Transportation Improvement Program will be reviewed again in the fall.

Rick Wright inquired about the Iron Belle Trail system & Crawford County’s Master Plan for community improvements. Mr. Wright had questions about shoulder widening on NDRR. Lacey Stephan, Grayling Township Supervisor was able to give a brief explanation of the community Master Plan and Managing Director Babcock explained the plans for the Iron Belle Trail system.

**BID OPENING**:

**23A Crushed Gravel / Beaver Creek & Lovells:**  It was moved by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Hanson to award the 23A Gravel bid for Ostrander Pit in Beaver Creek to Halliday Sand & Gravel for $4.77 a ton if county hauls 35% of clay and $5.09 a ton if clay is hauled totally by Halliday. No bids submitted for Lovells. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead absent, Hanson yea, Summers yea, Jones yea. Motion carried.

**Roadway Surfacing Jones Lake Rd. & Hulbert Rd:** It was movedby Commissioner Hanson, seconded by Commissioner Jones to award the Roadway Surfacing Jones Lake Rd. & Hulbert Rd bid, .4E1: 5,850 ton @ $63.12 per ton for a total of $369,252.00 to Rieth-Riley Construction. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead absent, Hanson yea, Summers yea, Jones yea. Motion carried.

**Pavement Marking:** It was movedby Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Hanson to award the Pavement Marking bid to M & M Pavement Marking for 4 – inch yellow $.051 /LF & 4-inch white $.05/LF. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead absent, Hanson yea, Summers yea, Jones yea. Motion carried.

**Dust Control:** It was movedby Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Hanson to award the Dust Control bid to Michigan Chloride Sales, LLC for 26% @ $0.24/gal. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead absent, Hanson yea, Summers yea, Jones yea. Motion carried.

**Cutting Edges:** It was movedby Commissioner Hanson, seconded by Commissioner Jones to award the   
Cutting Edge bid St. Regis Culvert Inc. for 1000 each 5/8”x8”x6’ Double Beveled Thru Hardened/ Vallite with 5/8” bolt holes @ $74.10 each, and 30 each ¾” x 8” x 7’ Double Beveled Thru Hardened / Vallite with ¾” bolt holes @ $105.00 each. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead absent, Hanson yea, Summers yea, Jones yea. Motion carried

**MDOT Labor:** It was movedby Vice Chairman Summers, seconded by Commissioner Jones to accept all MDOT Labor bids and to table the award until the next regular meeting of April 28th, 2022, allowing staff to tabulate the bids and confer with MDOT for recommendations. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead absent, Hanson yea, Summers yea, Jones yea. Motion carried

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Annual Financial Report ACT 51**: It was moved by Commissioner Hanson, and seconded by Commissioner Jones to accept the Annual Financial Report ACT 51 as presented and to authorize Clerk of the Board, Leann Neilson and Vice Chairman Summers to sign & submit the documents. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead absent, Hanson yea, Summers yea, Jones yea. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Teamsters Local 214 Bargaining Agreement**: It was moved by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Hanson to Authorize the Board of Road Commissioners to sign the Signature page of the approved Labor agreement between the Crawford County Road Commission and Teamsters, State, County and Municipal Works Local No 214 and to authorize the Board, the Clerk of the Board, Leann Neilson, and Managing Director Babcock to sign the Bargaining Agreement. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead absent, Hanson yea, Summers yea, Jones yea. Motion carried.

**MANAGINIG DIRECTOR COMMENTS:**

Update on Wakeley Bridge project - On track to have the bridge open in May.

Iron Belle Trail update – trees are being removed along the expressway. The crew ran into complications along the power line but are back on track and the project is moving along.

Hay Marsh Creek update – waiting to hear from Attorney Carey.

Law passed regarding Federal Aide. Waiting for more details on this.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Larson – Absent.

Commissioner Summers – None

Commissioner Hanson – Relayed a citizen’s complaint regarding loggers using Manistee River Road and wondered if CCRC can take a look at it. Managing Director Babcock explained that Manistee River Road is a Class A, All Season Road and we can not restrict travel on it. CCRC will look at the area and see if there is any way to improve conditions.

Commissioner Hanson inquired about options for making gravel at Lovells Pit since there were no bids. Managing Director Babcock expressed concern regarding the issue but stated that there are other options available that he will look into.

Commissioner Jones – Commented on how difficult this spring has been on the roads and inquired about why roads are in worse shape than normal.

Chairman Halstead – Absent

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice Chairman Summers declared the meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

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Vice Chairman, Gary Summers Leann Neilson, Clerk of the Board