**Board Minutes**

**June 23, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Crawford County Board of Road Commissioners was held at their office at 500 Huron Street on Thursday, June 23, 2022, at 4:30 p.m., **Present:** Vice Chairman Summers, Commissioner Jones., and Chairman Halstead**.**  **Absent:** Commissioner Larson and Commissioner Hanson. **Administrative staff present:** Don Babcock Managing Director, and Clerk of the Board Leann Neilson, and Engineer Tech Tim McCarthy. **Public attending:** Duncan Gray Crawford County Commissioner Liaison to the Road Commission.

It was moved by Chairman Halstead and supported by Commissioner Jones to approve June 23, 2022, amended agenda which includes an addition; Lewiston Sand & Gravel correspondence under New Business. Roll Call: Larson absent, Hanson absent, Halstead yea, Jones yea, Summers yea. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Chairman Halstead and supported by Commissioner Summers to approve the June 9, 2022; Board Minutes as presented. Roll Call: Larson absent, Hanson absent, Halstead yea, Jones yea, Summers yea. Motion Carried.

**Accounts Payable Voucher #19** in the amount of $279,117.80 was moved to pay by Chairman Halstead and supported by Commissioner Summers. Roll Call: Larson absent, Hanson absent, Halstead yea, Jones yea, Summers yea. Motion Carried.

**Cash Flow**: No discussion

**Accounts Receivables:** Chairman Halstead inquired about the balance owed by the State of Michigan and the year-old balance owed by Commissioner Ronald Larson. Managing Director explained that the State of Michigan’s balance is still in litigation and the amount owed is the same. Ronald Larsons balance owed is for time and material on Freedom of Information Act inquiries that were provided to him.

**Blade and Brine Report**: Commissioner Summers commented that S Oak Rd. is in much better condition than it was. Managing Director Babcock explained what additional work CCRC has planned for the end nearest North Higgins Lake Dr.

Commissioner Jones inquired about the use of the new shoulder widening machine. Managing Director showed the Board members a video of the shoulder machine working on M-93, near the Hartwick Pines State Park. Additional work will be done on M-93 and M-72 in the future.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**: Commissioner Gray provided answers to the inquiries of the Road Commissioners at the 6/9/2022 meeting regarding commissioner salary. The County Board of Commissioners no longer has a Review Committee for wages, therefore Road Commissioners will have to submit their own recommendations prior to County Commissioners September budgeting meeting. Commissioner Gray also reported that a resident from Dale Street has submitted a petition to Grayling Township for the reconstruction of Dale Street for their review. Commissioner Gray reported that the County Boards attorney opinion regarding the oversight of CCRC revealed no surprises.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Lewiston Sand & Gravel Correspondence**: After lengthy discussion regarding Lewiston Sand & Gravels request for $13,224.79 additional payment above bid price for compensation for rising fuel costs., It was moved by Commissioner Summers, supported by Commissioner Jones to pay Lewiston Sand & Gravel an additional amount, equal to one third of the requested amount or $4,364.18 for rising fuel cost. Roll Call: Larson absent, Hanson absent, Halstead yea, Summers yea, Jones yea. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Commissioner Salary –** Review of Commissioners salary will be put on the agenda for 7/7/2022 meeting when all four Commissioners are present.

**Millage Renewal –** CCRCRoad Commissioners and Managing Director agreed to wait until next year to put the Millage Renewal Language on the ballot.

**MANAGINIG DIRECTOR COMMENTS:**

Ronald Larson reimbursement request / payroll documents – documents have not yet been returned to CCRC.

Ronald Larson emails – no discussion.

Update on Wakeley Bridge project – Wakeley Bridge Road is near completion. Still some erosion control & coating to do yet.

Iron Belle Trail update – The crew is hauling gravel onto the trail. There is a delay with the portion of the trail going under I-75 along the railroad tracks. There is a supply issue with the concrete retaining wall blocks.

County Road 612 – will be bid via MDOT Local Agency Programs in July.

Jones Lake Road update – paving scheduled for July 5, 6, 7.

Old 27 – nothing new to report.

Hulbert Road – paving is scheduled for July 5, 6, 7.

Federal Aid Buyout – brief explanation provided about the program. Decided to hold off on the buyout until next year.

Fuel Costs – Managing Director Babcock provided the Board with a comparison of Diesel & No Lead costs from last fiscal year to current.

There is a considerable increase in fuel expenses from this year compared to last.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Larson – Absent.

Commissioner Summers – Would like to discuss Commissioner salary when all four Board members are present.

Commissioner Hanson – Absent.

Commissioner Jones – None

Chairman Halstead – Inquired about CCRC helping young people obtain a CDL. Managing Director Babcock explained that the requirements have recently changed and it’s very difficult now to do that.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Halstead declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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Ryan Halstead, Chairman Leann Neilson, Clerk of the Board