**Board Minutes February 2, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Crawford County Board of Road Commissioners was held at their office at 500 Huron Street on Thursday, February 2, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., Present: Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Hanson, Vice Chairman Summers, and Chairman Halstead. Absent: Commissioner Larson. Administrative staff f present: Managing Director Don Babcock and Clerk of the Board Leann Neilson. Public attending: Dorothy Frederick Crawford County Commissioner Liaison to the Road Commission, Tom Coors Maple Forest Township Supervisor, Mike McNamara, Chris Bowman a Beaver Creek Township resident, Lacey Stephan Grayling Township Supervisor, Dan Bonamie Beaver Creek Township Supervisor, and Alexis Neilson a Beaver Creek Township resident.

It was moved by Chairman Halstead and supported by Commissioner Jones to approve the February 2, 2023; agenda as presented. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead yea, Summers yea, Hanson yea, Jones yea. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hanson, supported by Commissioner Jones to approve the January 19, 2023, Board Minutes as presented. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead yea, Summers yea, Jones yea, Hanson yea. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable Voucher #9 in the amount of $278,150.33 was moved to pay by Commissioner Hanson and supported by Chairman Halstead. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead yea, Summers yea, Hanson yea, Jones yea. Motion Carried.

Accounts Payable Voucher #9-1 in the amount of $4945.00 was moved to pay by Commissioner Hanson and supported by Commissioner Jones. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead yea, Summers yea, Hanson yea, Jones yea. Motion Carried.

Cash Flow: None

Accounts Receivables: Chairman Halstead inquired about the outstanding invoice owed by Thomas James Lozon. Managing Director Babcock explained that he is an uninsured motorist who hit & destroyed guardrail on Wilcox Bridge Rd. and the invoice is for the materials and repair of the guardrail. The collection of the invoice is expected to be turned over to the road commission attorney.

Blade and Brine Report: No discussion

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mike McNamara stated that the group opposing the Camp Grayling Expansion has collected 34 resolutions in opposition of the Camp Expansion Project and that the final day for public comments is February 8th at 5:00. Mike also inquired about a Veterans Cemetery and its proposed placement. Managing Director Babcock nor the Road Board has any information about the Veterans Cemetery location.

Tom Coors, Maple Forest Township Supervisor informed the Board that Maple Forest Township has voted to draft a Resolution of Opposition to Camp Grayling Expansion which will be adopted and signed at their next regular meeting.

Dorothy Frederick, Crawford County Commissioner informed the Board that the Crawford County Board of Commissioners has adopted a Resolution of Opposition to the Camp Grayling Expansion Project.

Lacey Stephan, Grayling Township Supervisor informed the Board that Grayling Township has drafted and passed a Resolution of Opposition to the Camp Grayling Expansion Project.

Chris Bowman of Fox Run Estates in Beaver Creek Township inquired about setting up a meeting with Managing Director Babcock to discuss resurfacing of Fox Run Estates and how to get maximum use of their funds. Managing Director Babcock suggested that he call and set up a meeting with him and he would be happy to go over the estimate that was provided and discuss options.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

It was moved by Chairman Halstead and seconded by Commissioner Jones to advertise for bids for Bituminous Base Crushing on Military Road from Fletcher Road North 4.01 miles. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead yea, Jones yea, Hanson yea, Summers yea. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Chairman Halstead and seconded by Commissioner Hanson to advertise for bids for Floor Baseboard Epoxy Installation at 4 Mile Road Rest Area. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead yea, Jones yea, Hanson yea, Summers yea. Motion Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

It was moved by Chairman Halstead and supported by Commissioner Hanson to adopt the Crawford County Road Commission Resolution to Oppose the Camp Grayling Expansion Plan as presented.

**CRAWFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSISION**

**RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE CAMP GRAYLING EXPANSION PLAN**

**WITHIN CRAWFORD COUNTY MICHIGAN**

WHEREAS; The Crawford County Road Commission exist to maintain safe and efficient roads and bridges within Crawford County, Michigan, and

WHEREAS; The Crawford County Road Commission maintains the public roadways, which are located within Camp Grayling training facilities, all public roadways in the training facilities are shared by the general public in order to access State and Federal land, for various purposes, and

WHEREAS; Heavy Traffic generated by Military personnel in rural areas have in the past caused damage to public roadways and public lands, and the burden of repair or maintenance is that of the Crawford County Road Commission, and

WHEREAS; Camp Grayling presently provides training for more than 20,000 Military personnel annually from National Guard units from Indiana, Illinois and Ohio, as well as Regular Army and Reserve Units, and

WHEREAS; Camp Grayling is seeking to expand the training facilities within Crawford County, burdening the Road Commission with approximately 110 additional miles of public roadways, impacted directly from Military traffic, resulting in additional maintenance and repairs, and

WHEREAS; Camp Grayling has failed to be able to control Troop Movements in an orderly fashion to minimize damage to Public roadways and private property, and

WHEREAS; and the expansion would allow more Troops to be trained, more vehicles and equipment brought in the transport and facilitate training, both of which affecting public land and public roadways more than before,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; The Crawford County Road Commission opposes the expansion of Camp Grayling, until such time that the Michigan Department of Veteran Affairs and the Michigan National Guard provide funding for the improvement and maintenance of County Local Roads that lay with the Training Grounds designated for Camp Grayling.

Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead yea, Jones yea, Hanson yea, Summers yea. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hanson and supported by Commissioner Jones to have Managing Director Babcock sign the Employment Agreements with Administrative Clerks Arica D’Amour and Kaitlyn Carlson as presented. Roll Call: Larson absent, Hanson yea, Halstead yea, Summers yea, Jones yea. Motion Carried.

**MANAGING DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS:**

Managing Director Babcock met with MDOT to begin working on the design engineering portion of the proposed Non-Motorized Path from town to Rayburn property. Babcock went over some of the proposed changes, project funding, and the Road Commission’s role in the project.

Managing Director Babcock discussed Twin Bridge Road, bridge construction project and the possibility of eliminating the culverts and going with twin bridges. DNR Fisheries has secured a $200,000.00 grant for the pre-liminary engineering portion of the project.

**COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Larson – Absent.

Commissioner Summers – None

Commissioner Hanson – None

Commissioner Jones – None

Chairman Halstead – None

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Halstead declared the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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**Ryan Halstead, Chairman Leann Neilson, Clerk of the Board**