**Board Minutes**

**May 11, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Crawford County Board of Road Commissioners was held at their office at 500 Huron Street on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., **Present:** Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Hanson, and Vice Chairman Summers. Absent: Commissioner Larson, Chairman Halstead. **Administrative staff present:** Managing Director Don Babcock and Clerk of the Board, Leann Neilson. **Public Attending**: County Commissioner liaison Dorothy Frederick, and Max Hofwebere and Nick Opperman from Reith-Riley.

It was moved by Commissioner Hanson and supported by Commissioner Jones to approve the May 11, 2023 Crawford County Road Commission Agenda as presented. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead absent, Hanson yea, Jones yea, and Summers yea. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Jones, supported by Commissioner Hanson to approve the April 27, 2023, Board Minutes as presented. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead absent, Summers yea, Jones yea, Hanson yea. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable Voucher #16 in the amount of $159,337.79 was moved to pay by Commission Hanson and supported by Commissioner Jones. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead absent, Summers yea, Hanson yea, Jones yea. Motion Carried.

**Cash Flow:** None

**Accounts Receivables:** None

**Blade and Brine Report:** Managing Director Babcock reported that the Road Commission will be having commercial brine put down on gravel roads before Memorial Day weekend.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

County Commissioner liaison Dorothy Frederick challenged the Board to travel the gravel roads this weekend and see if they like the way the roads look. The Board inquired of her concerns and no road names were mentioned but stated that there is gravel built up on the shoulders and not allowing for drainage. Managing Director Babcock gave a brief explanation of the road commissions gravel road maintenance and acknowledged some trouble areas that will require use of a grader rather than blade truck.

**NEW BUSINESS: None**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

It was moved by Commissioner Hanson and seconded by Vice Chairman Summers to award the Roadway Surfacing bid to Reith-Riley Construction Co. Inc. @ $74.25/ton. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead absent, Summers yea, Hanson yea, Jones yea. Motion Carried.

Reith-Riley was the successful bidder for the Military Road resurfacing project. The bid came in 22% under Engineers estimate, for a total of $703.451.04 for the Paving segment of the project.

**MANAGING DIRECTOR COMMENTS:**

Clearing and grubbing is under way on Pere Cheney Road and the right of way is staked.

Military Road will be staked next week.

MDOT has a safety audit meeting on May 31 to discuss the possibility of constructing a roundabout at the intersection of M-93 and Old 27. This is not the road commissions project.

Summer hours, four 10-hour days will begin Monday May 15.

Managing Director Babcock is working on setting up a meeting with Colonel Meyers, Camp Grayling Commander, to discuss the proposed Road Maintenance Memo of Understanding. Commissioner Hanson and Commissioner Jones would like to be notified when the meeting is scheduled so they can attend.

Managing Director Babcock explained the findings of the DNR Legislative Analyst regarding ownership of the dam at Lake Margarethe and gave an overview of the potential work that needs to be done to the dam. The dam repair project may require a special assessment. Babcock will investigate whether Camp Grayling is exempt from special assessments.

**COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Larson – Absent.

Commissioner Summers – Inquired about the cost of a right of way permit for a citizen to work in the right of way. $30.00

Commissioner Hanson – Inquired about the necessity of obtaining a permit from the road commission when the military closes roads under the jurisdiction of the road commission. This topic will be put on the agenda for discussion soon.

Commissioner Jones – None

Chairman Halstead – Absent

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There being no further business to come before the Board Vice Chairman Summers declared the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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