**Board Minutes**

**July 20, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Crawford County Board of Road Commissioners was held at their office at 500 Huron Street on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., **Present:** Chairman Halstead, Commissioner Hanson, Vice Chairman Summers, and Commissioner Jones. Absent: Commissioner Larson. **Administrative staff present:** Managing Director Don Babcock and Clerk of the Board, Leann Neilson. **Public Attending**: County Commissioner liaison Dorothy Frederick, and Maple Forest Township Supervisor Tom Coors.

It was moved by Commissioner Hanson and supported by Vice Chairman Summers to approve the July 20, 2023, Crawford County Road Commission Agenda as presented. Roll Call: Larson absent, Jones yea, Halstead yea, Hanson yea, and Summers yea. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Chairman Halstead, supported by Commissioner Jones to approve the July 6, 2023, Board Minutes as presented. Roll Call: Larson absent, Jones yea, Halstead yea, Summers yea, Hanson yea. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable Voucher #21 in the amount of $225,785.66 was moved to pay by Commissioner Hanson and supported by Chairman Halstead. Roll Call: Larson absent, Jones yea, Halstead yea, Summers yea, Hanson yea. Motion Carried.

Accounts Payable Voucher #21-1 in the amount of $9,695.20 was moved to pay by Commissioner Hanson and supported by Chairman Halstead. Roll Call: Larson absent, Jones yea, Halstead yea, Summers yea, Hanson yea. Motion Carried.

**Cash Flow:** None

**Accounts Receivables:** None

**Blade and Brine Report:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Dorothy Frederick shared that the County Commissioners are working on a grant for improving Broad Band in the area and that the County Commissioners have delayed selecting a candidate for District 3 County Commissioner position until the public has an opportunity to weigh in with comments.

Maple Forest Township Supervisor Tom Coors inquired about the status of resurfacing of County Road 612 from I-75 to Hartwick Pines Road. County Road 612 is still on the project schedule for next year as is the County Road 612 bridge over I-75. MDOT will be doing the bridge work and picking up a small portion of County Road 612 near the ramps.

**NEW BUSINESS**: It was moved by Commissioner Jones and supported by Commissioner Hanson to adopt the following Resolution in Support of TAP Project – M-72 East to Grayling Trail Feasibility Study and Early Preliminary Engineering.

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# SUPPORT Resolution

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TAP PROJECT**

**M-72 EAST – GRAYLING TRAIL FEASIBILITY STUDY AND EARLY PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING**

**IN GRAYLING TOWNSHIP AND CITY OF GRAYLING**

**WHEREAS,** The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a federally funded program administered by the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT); and

**WHEREAS,** MDOT TAP is undertaking a pilot project to fund trail feasibility studies and early preliminary engineering (EPE) to expand the ability of TAP to support implementation of successful project in; and

**WHEREAS,** The Crawford County Road Commission (CCRC) and MDOT support investments in non-motorized transportation to provide safe access for pedestrians and bicyclists in Crawford County; and

**WHEREAS,** CCRC in partnership with MDOT North Region and Gaylord Transportation Service Center (TSC), is applying to TAP for $350,000 in funding for a 2.2 mile trail feasibility study and early preliminary engineering (EPE) for the M-72 East Trail from 200 ft south of I-75 Business Loop/M-72 intersection and 0.2 miles west of S Barker Lake Rd (known locally as the Rayburn Property), and

**WHEREAS,** MDOT will provide the required 20% federal matching funds for this TAP grant, will provide project management, and complete the trail feasibility study and EPE with consultant services. This TAP EPE project will be at no cost to the CCRC; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the CCRC hereby requests the MDOT North Region and Gaylord TSC to receive the TAP grant and undertake and actions required for TAP implementation.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**MANAGING DIRECTOR COMMENTS:**

**Military Road** – Military Rd. paving is done, and the crew will be working shoulders next week.

**Fletcher Road** – will be paving Monday.

**Pere Cheney Road –** will be moving the work crew to Pere Cheney Road after Fletcher Road and Military Road shoulders are finished.

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**County Road 612 over the AuSable River Bridge Project** – concrete abutment walls are being removed and prep work is being done for sheet piling.

**County Road 612 over Big Creek** – contractor has had many delays. The bridge is expected to be closed beginning Tuesday July 25.

**Gravel** – Elmer’s is finished crushing gravel for us.

**Pension Grant –** 26 road commissions applied for pension grant monies, and it’s expected that all of them will get funds.

**Labor & CDL license** – A Draft Letter of Understanding Between Teamsters Local 214 and Crawford County Road Commission regarding CDL Training / Testing Reimbursement was provided to the Board for review. Managing Director Babcock will provide a copy to the Union for review and discussion. Matter will be discussed at the next regular Board meeting.

**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 4:53 p.m.

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