**Board Minutes**

**May 9, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Crawford County Board of Road Commissioners was held at their office at 500 Huron Street on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 4:30 p.m., Present: Commissioner Jones, Chairman Halstead, Vice Chairman Summers, and Commissioner Hanson. Absent: Commissioner Larson. Administrative staff present: Managing Director Don Babcock and Clerk of the Board, Leann Neilson. Public Attending: Dorothy Frederick, County Commissioner, Brandon Gabriel, Frederic Township Supervisor, Amanda Siwecki, Frederic Township, Ed Goscicki, Crawford County Commissioner, Lacey Stephan, Grayling Township Supervisor, Tom Coors, Maple Forest Township Supervisor, and Ronald W, H a Lovells Township resident.

It was moved by Commissioner Jones and supported by Commissioner Hanson to approve the May 9, 2024; Crawford County Road Commission Agenda as presented. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead yea, Jones yea, Hanson yea, Summers yea. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Jones, supported by Commissioner Hanson to approve the April 25, 2024, Board Minutes as presented. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead yea, Jones yea, Hanson yea, Summers yea. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable Voucher #16 in the amount of $116,773.80 was moved to pay by Chairman Halstead and supported by Vice Chairman Summers. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead yea, Jones yea, Hanson yea, Summers yea. Motion Carried.

**Cash Flow:** None

**Accounts Receivables:** None

**Blade and Brine Report:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Grayling Township Supervisor Lacey Stephan briefed the Board on the preliminary plans for Phase 1 of the Grayling Township Water System Expansion. Because of the size and space needed pipe will have to go under the roads. For this reason, Clough Subdivision road projects will be postponed until after the laying of the pipe for the water system is complete. Evergreen Dr. as well as the roads in Sherwood Forest will also be resurfaced. The new water system is being paid for by a $23 million dollar grant from EGLE and a $3 million-dollar ARAP grant addressing the local PFAS water contamination issue. The projected start date is December 2024.

Ed Goscicki, Crawford County Commissioner addressed the Board with concerns regarding Macarthur Construction and the hardship that the County Road 612 bridge construction project delay has caused on businesses in Frederic. Mr. Goscicki inquired about filing a complaint with the State of Michigan, recuperating Liquidated Damages and future repairs to May Lake Rd and Cameron Bridge Rd. due to heavy traffic the bridge delay caused. Managing Director Babcock explained that complaints have already been filed against Macarthur Construction. Managing Director Babcock gave a brief explanation of the bidding process for these jobs and an explanation of the funds used for the reconstruction. Because most of the bridge is being paid for by MDOT with Critical Bridge Funds it is very unlikely that the road commission will see much of the Liquidated Damages. Mr. Goscicki also inquired about blocking off Ward Street during the Frederic Music Festival. The Road Commission will work with Frederic Township on this.

Frederic Township Supervisor Brandon Gabriel inquired about 16’ alleyways in Frederic Township and who’s responsible for it. Managing Director Babcock explained that it belongs to the road commission, however, the road commission has no policing power. The sheriff’s department will need to be called for issues with parking or township ordinance violations. Mr. Gabriel also reported that Frederic Township is working on a township road millage to be voted on in August.

Maple Forest Township Supervisor Tom Coors addressed the Board regarding the start date for the County Road 612 road project. Managing Director Babcock explained that they won’t be paving before July 8th, but they could start working in the area on crushing and shaping as early as mid-June.

**NEW BUSINESS**: County Road 612, Improvement Project from I-75 northbound ramp to Harwick Pines Road review.

It was moved by Commissioner Hanson, seconded by Commissioner Jones to adopt the following Authorization Resolution as presented and authorize Clerk of the Board Leann Neilson certify same.

**crawford county road commission**

**authorization Resolution**

**COUNTY ROAD 612, IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**Control Section; STL 20000**

**Job Number 211765CON**

**Contract No. 24-5205**

**whereas,** the Crawford County Board of Road Commissioners have approved the plans and proposal for the County Road 612, Improvement Project; From I-75 northbound ramp to Hartwick Pines Road. Control Section; STL 20000, Job Number 211765CON, Project 24-5205 and;

**whereas,** the Crawford County Board of Road Commissioners, desire to enter into an agreement by way of a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation to complete the County Road 612, Improvement Project,

**therefore be it resolved,** the Crawford County Crawford Board of Road Commissioners authorizes the Managing Director Donald Babcock to sign on behalf of the Crawford County Road Commission, MDOT Contract No.: 24-5205.

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

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Blade bids – It was moved by Chairman Halstead, seconded by Vice Chaiman Summers to authorize Managing Director Babcock to advertise for bids for (600) 5/8” x 8” x 6’ blades and (40) ¾” x 8” x 7’ blades. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead yea, Jones yea, Summers yea, Hanson yea. Motion Carried.



**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**MANAGING DIRECTOR COMMENTS**:

Elmers will start producing and screening gravel at Ostrander Pit soon.

County Road 612 bridge construction project update – pouring approach slabs.

The truck garage roof has severe leaks and will need replacing soon. Still working on a plan for roof repairs or replacement.

Stoops Western Star will be building on Industrial Drive and Dan Walker inquired again about continuing the improvement of Industrial Drive another 1500’ to the end of his property to support heavy truck traffic. Dan offered to pay for the gravel for the project. The road commission may be able to work on this for him this fall.

Retirement Party Policy – Teamsters Business Representative did not seem interested in doing a Letter of Understanding with the road commission regarding retirement parties and did not feel it was something they wanted to negotiate for every contract. Commissioner Hanson suggested Managing Director Babcock discuss the option with CCRC Union Stewards.

**COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Larson – Absent.

Commissioner Summers – None

Commissioner Hanson – distributed a report used by Otsego County Road Commission detailing expenses broken down per township. Commissioner Hanson would like a similar report for Crawford. The Clerk of the Board Neilson will investigate this.

Commissioner Jones – thanked the road commission on behalf of South Branch Township for the quick response to necessary road repairs that resulted from a truck accident.

Chairman Halstead – inquired about Pere Cheney Road project in South Branch Township. Managing Director Babcock stated that the project still has finishing touches to be done such as cleaning up ditches and repairing a strip of asphalt. Plan to work on this in approximately 2 weeks. Commissioner Halstead also shared his appreciation for Frederic Township and the pursuit of their own road millage and the potential for future road projects in Frederic Township.

There being no further business to come before the Board Vice Chairman Summers declared the meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

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