**Board Minutes**

**August 15, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Crawford County Board of Road Commissioners was held at their office at 500 Huron Street on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 4:30 p.m., Present: Commissioner Jones, Vice Chairman Summers, Commissioner Hanson Chairman Absent Halstead. Absent: Commissioner Larson. Administrative staff present: Managing Director Donald Babcock. Public Attending: Dorothy Frederick, County Commissioner.

It was moved by Commissioner Jones and supported by Commissioner Hanson to approve the August 15, 2024; Crawford County Road Commission Agenda as presented. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead absent, Hanson yea, Jones yea, Summers yea. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hanson, supported by Commissioner Jones to approve the August 1, 2024, Board Minutes as presented. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead absent, Hanson yea, Jones yea, Summers yea. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable Voucher #23 in the amount of $502,866.36 was moved to pay by Commissioner Hanson and supported by Commissioner Jones. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead absent, Hanson yea, Jones yea, Summers yea. Motion Carried.

Chairman of the Board Ryan Halstead entered the meeting @ 4:40 p.m.

Accounts Payable Voucher #23-1 in the amount of $47,660.71 was moved to pay by Chairman Halstead and supported by Vice Chairman Summers. Roll Call: Larson absent, Halstead yea, Hanson yea, Jones yea, Summers yea. Motion Carried.

**Cash Flow:** None

**Accounts Receivables:** None

**Blade and Brine Report:** Will be blading roads next week, Commercial brine to be applied prior to holiday weekend.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Dorothy Frederick, County Commissioner shared with the Board that the County Commissioners passed a resolution against the DNR/Camp Grayling M.O.U. expansion. Discussion entailed regarding expansion and that the County is currently working on a budget.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Road Millage Allocation Agreement with the City of Grayling. The Managing Director reviewed the agreement that needs to be approved by both parties. This agreement is to instruct the County Treasurer as to how to distribute the funds that are generated within the City limits.

Portage Lake Drive between Whispering Trail and McIntyre Landing. Request by property owners wanting the Road Commission to re-commission Portage Lake Drive. Discussion regarding Court Decisions and the Road Commission’s jurisdiction. The Managing Director shall send a response to the property owners informing them that the Road Commission cannot go against a court order, and it is not a public roadway.

**MANAGING DIRECTOR COMMENTS**:

Deerhart Valley Road – Paved and shoulders completed.

County Road 612, from I-75 to Hartwick Pines Road – paving and shoulders are done, seed and mulching and drainage touch ups still to come.

Update on the Raven Project and the relocation of the Industrial Drive right of way. Update given regarding possible funding.

Grayling Township is finalizing plans and preparing bid documents for the proposed water main project.

County Road 612 over AuSable River, still working on punch list items so the project can be closed out.

Chase Bridge Road project will start soon, drainage corrections with catch basins and resurfacing the roadway for approximately 2,300 feet.

**COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Larson – Absent.

Commissioner Summers – Was asked a question regarding why Pioneer Road east of Chase Bridge Road was constructed. The Managing Director explained that South Branch Township is using their road millage to improve both paved and dirt roads and have plans on improving Pioneer Road from Chase Bridge Road to Forester Road eventually.

Commissioner Hanson– Asked if we had heard from Frederic Township regarding their road millage. The Managing director indicated that he had not but will be more than happy to help in any way. Perhaps referring them to South Branch Township that has a road committee for help on how to set it up.

Commissioner Jones – None

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Chairman Halstead – Asked Commissioner Frederick to update the Road Board of the ongoing Portage Creek Dam improvement project.

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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