

The Board of Road Commissioners for the County of Antrim met at the Road Commission Office, Mancelona, Michigan for a regular meeting at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paradis.

Present: Commissioners Dobrzelewski, Hunt and Paradis. Absent: none. Also present: Engineer-Manager Thompson, Superintendent Stumm and Secretary Farrier.

It was moved by Hunt and seconded by Dobrzelewski to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2012 regular meeting. Motion carried by unanimous yes vote.

At 9:35 a.m. the floor was opened to public comment.

County Commissioner Dawson stated that both the Michigan Senate and House were discussing road funding legislation that may be taken up this year.

He said Star Township Supervisor Richard Steel had attended the October BOC meeting to complain about the quality of one particular hot patch that was done in front of his Township Clerk's residence.

He also received a complaint from Cherie Hogan, one of his constituents, regarding a drainage issue on Six Mile Lake Road.

He concluded by saying that the county prosecutor determined that, before the BOC could act on county road funding, the Road Commission would need to ask them for help with funding.

The Engineer-Manager stated that the Road Commission was aware of the concerns mentioned by Mr. Steel and Ms. Hogan and that both were being addressed.

There being no further public comment the floor returned to the Chair at 9:40 a.m.

Various correspondences were reviewed.

The Chairman had questions regarding road "liability" that was mentioned in a follow-up letter from the Engineer-Manager. He was told that the Road Commission had sole liability for the county primary & local road system.

The Engineer-Manager gave his report.

2012 Cash flow, MTF and fund balance were discussed.

The list of 2012 projects was reviewed.

The Board reviewed the complaint/request reports that had been received since the last meeting.

The Engineer-Manager stated that the Wilson's, owners of the property south of the Central Lake Garage, had agreed to sell for \$60,000 if the Road Commission also paid the closing costs.

The following resolution, #12-01, was offered by Dobrzelewski with support from Hunt:

WHEREAS, the Board is aware that property located at 1724 N M-88 Highway, Central Lake, Michigan, which is adjacent to, and south of, the Road Commission Central Lake garage, is for sale, and

WHEREAS, the Board directed staff to negotiate with owners Mr. David T. Wilson & Mrs. Deborah J. Wilson, for the purchase of said property, which is properly described as follows: The West 400 feet of the North 100 feet of government lot 7 lying West of Moyer Road, Section 26, Central Lake Township, T31N, R8W, and

WHEREAS, the Wilsons and Road Commission staff have agreed on a purchase price of \$60,000 cash, plus all closing costs, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the purchase of the above described property for the sum of \$60,000, plus closing costs of \$1,349.08, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board authorizes D.E. Farrier, Board Secretary, to sign any and all necessary documents required for this property purchase for and on behalf of the Board of Road Commissioners for the County of Antrim.

Ayes: Dobrzelewski, Hunt and Paradis. Nays: none.

Resolution #12-01 declared adopted.

The State trunkline maintenance contract was discussed.

The following resolution, #12-02, was offered by Hunt with support from Dobrzelewski:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation ("MDOT") has presented a proposed contract between MDOT and the Antrim County Road Commission under which the Road Commission would perform maintenance on state trunkline highways within Antrim County, and

WHEREAS, MDOT has affirmatively found that contracting with the Antrim County Road Commission for the maintenance of State Trunk Line highways and bridges within Antrim County, is in the best public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Road Commission concurs in MDOT's finding that it is in the best public interest to contract with the Antrim County Road Commission for the maintenance of State Trunk Line highways and bridges within Antrim County for the reason that the Road Commission has a proven record of efficiently providing a high level of service on State Trunkline Highways within Antrim County for 4 years; and

WHEREAS, the Antrim County Road Commission has reviewed the terms of the contract and the recommendations of the CRAM's Negotiating Committee; and

WHEREAS, the members of CRAM's Negotiating Committee have recommended that Road Commissions approve the proposed contract after making changes to Paragraph 1 and Paragraph 5 of Section 16, Partnering Efforts, by striking language unilaterally added to the form Contract by MDOT following the conclusion of negotiations that took place over 12 months resulting in changes to the form contract previously used by MDOT and County Road Commissions agreed to by the Negotiating Committee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Antrim County Road Commission hereby accepts and agrees to enter into the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract presented by MDOT but only in the form that incorporates the changes as recommended by CRAM's Negotiating Committee and Glenn Paradis, Chairman, and D. E. Farrier, Secretary, are authorized and instructed to sign the State Trunkline Maintenance Contract incorporating the changes as indicated in this resolution on behalf of the Antrim County Road Commission.

Ayes: Dobrzelewski, Hunt and Paradis. Nays: none.

Resolution #12-02 declared adopted.

The Chairman called a recess at 10:30 a.m. in order to open a public hearing to discuss the proposed operating budget for 2013.

The Fiscal Officer reviewed with the Board the proposed Operating Budget for 2013.

There being no further comment, the Chair closed the hearing and resumed the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

It was moved by Hunt and seconded by Dobrzelewski to approve the Operating Budget for 2013 as presented. Motion carried by unanimous.

Upcoming meetings:

Employee Safety Training, October 24th
Paul Bunyan Council meeting, Cadillac, November 8th

Changing the date of the November meeting was discussed. It was moved by Hunt and seconded by Paradis to change the date of the November meeting to the 13th. Motion carried by unanimous yes vote.

Bills in the amount of \$651,960.55 covered by master voucher(s) #20 & #21 and payroll(s) #20, #20A & #21 in the amount of \$118,024.94 were reviewed.

By motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Approved by


Glenn Paradis, Chairman

Submitted by


D. E. Farrier, Secretary