

August 19, 2014

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hunt.

Present: Commissioners Dobrzelewski, Hunt and Paradis. Also present: Engineer-Manager Thompson and Secretary Farrier.

It was moved by Dobrzelewski and seconded by Paradis to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2014 regular meeting. Motion carried by unanimous yes vote.

At 9:32 a.m. the floor was opened to public comment.

Jerry Ayclott asked for a meeting agenda and a "treasurer's report".

Arve Sheppard, who lives on East Old State Road, discussed a flooding problem at his home. After any heavy rain, the creek that flows in the ditch in front of his house, overflows and floods. Mr. Sheppard believes his driveway culvert is undersized and would like the Road Commission to replace it. The Board indicated that Staff would take a look at the situation. He was also told the creek is a live stream, therefore a permit would be required from the DEQ before the culvert could be replaced, whether he did the culvert or the Road Commission.

There being no further public comment, the floor returned to the Chair at 9:56 a.m.

There was no correspondence to discuss.

The Engineer-Manager gave his report.

Cash flow, MTF and fund balance were discussed.

2014 projects were discussed.

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

Upcoming meetings:

Paul Bunyan Council, Cadillac, August 21

Northern/Southern Associations' Annual Meeting, Shanty Creek, Sept. 3-5

The Board reviewed the only bid received for snow plowing in the Lakes of the North subdivision:

Alpine Landscape & Snow LLC \$3,600 per cycle

In that this bid far exceeds the average cost of plowing Lakes of the North by Road Commission forces, it is staff's recommendation to reject the bid and continue to plow Lakes of the North with Road Commission forces. The Board concurred.

In light of the above action, staff requested to fill all 3 of the vacant truck drivers positions created by retirements this spring. The Board authorized the hiring of 1 truck driver at the July meeting. It was moved by Paradis and seconded by Dobrzelewski to authorize management to hire two (2) additional truck drivers. Motion carried by unanimous yes vote.

The Board discussed a request from Mr. Dennis Rogissart to abandon right-of-way in Government lot 3 of Section 1, T31N, R9W, Banks Township. The right-of-way, which was obtained in 1935, is an extension of Old Park Road, to Lake Michigan and has never been developed. The Board took no action on the matter, but directed staff to discuss the matter with both the Township and the County and report back.

The Board discussed a request from MDOT to agree to forfeit \$90,676.50 of federal aid obligation authority for fiscal year 2015 due ACRC "owing" that money from fiscal year 2013 federal aid. In 2013, ACRC advance obligated \$146,449 of STP funds more than the allocation amount for fiscal year 2014. This was at the request of MDOT in order to spend down \$54 million of accumulated obligation authority in the statewide local program for 2013. In 2014, MDOT decided to discontinue the practice of counties carrying balances from one year to the next and zeroed out all STP balances. ACRC in essence realized a gain in its STP balance while many counties realized a loss. In an effort to make the counties that lost balances whole, MDOT and CRAM have agreed to a plan where those counties that lost money would regain 97.7% of those balances while those counties that gained would payback approximately 60% of its positive balances. In 2014, the project that ACRC let for bid realized substantial bid savings which effectively negated the gain in obligation authority. If the ACRC were to "payback" 60% of the \$146,499, it would then "lose" that amount. The Engineer-Manager is attempting to have MDOT update its list of balances for the bid savings realized. No action taken.

Chairman Hunt opened the floor for further comment.

Commissioner Dawson congratulated Kankaska County for passing a county-wide millage for road funding.

Jerry Aydlott, who lives on Mt. Bliss Rd., asked when the culvert that failed this spring will be replaced. He is concerned about the washout and how close it is getting to the pavement. He was told it was on the list to be completed, but no time line was offered.

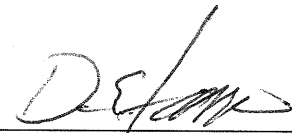
Bills in the amount of \$1,399,803.23 covered by master voucher(s) #15, #15A, 16 & #17 and payroll(s) #16 & #17 in the amount of \$99,206.21 were reviewed.

By motion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Approved by


Fred Hunt, Chairman

Submitted by


D. E. Farrier, Secretary