

MINUTES

Chairman Matiash called the April 13, 2017 meeting of the Mason County Road Commission held in their office at 510 E State Street, Scottville, MI to order at 10:00 am.

Members present: Matiash, Robidoux, Schwass and Secretary Samuels. Field Foreman Peters.
Absent: Manager/Director Schoonover and Superintendent Moody.

Visitors: Amber Township Supervisor Jim Gallie and Dick Alway to report a wash out on Johnson Road. J Peters said they are aware of the problem and will fix it with some crushed gravel. He pointed out a couple other areas to be fixed. Amber Township received a check from Wal-Mart for Meyers Road. Also wondered if the Yield sign at the corner of Dennis Road and 1st Street should be a Stop sign. They also handed in three contracts that were approved by their board. Gallie wondered if it was necessary to have all the board signatures on the contracts. The MCRC Board said that only two signatures would be necessary and will ask Manager/Director Schoonover to make that change.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Schwass seconded by Robidoux to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Conflicts: None

The minutes of the March 22, 2017 regular meeting were discussed:

Motion by Schwass seconded by Robidoux to approve the minutes as presented.
Ayes all. Motion carried.

The Board took the following action after reviewing the accounts payable and payroll.

Motion by Robidoux seconded by Schwass to approve accounts payable for ck #75211 to transfer funds received from Michigan Kenworth for \$253,058.00, ck #75212 thru ck#75274 for \$253,444.20, and pre-approve Payroll #8 for April 20, 2017.

At 10:07 am the Board looked over the contingent liability and revenue sheet.

Superintendent's Report Given by Josh Peters: Blading as weather permits. Two cold patch crews have been out on both the North and south sides. The tree crew has been removing standing dead trees and still cleaning up after the wind storms. Limb crews have been out working in the plow areas. Some aggregate patching. Extra help in the shop changing out sanders getting ready for summer work. The brush cutter has been out. The sweeper is cleaning off winter sand. About 1/3 completed. The Cat Excavator has been out working on drainage projects. Will start tilling up some roads tomorrow in preparation for pulling shoulders next week. Will start some yard work and preparation for the rest area to open on April 24, 2017. A pizza and lunch training is scheduled for next Friday at 11:00 am with Mike Phillips.

Shop Foreman Report: None

Manager/Director Report:

Engineering

- On-going File Reviews - Neil Road Culvert is awaiting fabrication items from the box culvert manufacturer and Rasmussen Rd has had no changes:
- Hansen Rd, Dennis Rd to Stiles Rd: Contractor is installing driveway culverts, cross road culverts and shaping the roadway. (C&D Hughes Bid: \$808,709.98. 80% Federal STP, 20% State D. Progress Clause: Completion date of on or before June 23, 2017)
- Hansen Rd, W. of Gordon Rd to US-31: Reviewing the project currently as prepared GI plans and estimate has the project substantially over budget. Project scoping of this 1.7 mile section does not match the TIP due to adjustments in lower funding and RTF constraint requirements. Available Federal Aid through the RTF for 2017 will require shortening the project to approximately 0.9 miles (West of Gordon Rd to 0.8 miles West of US-31).
- 2017 Pavement Marking: South end of County –Submitted to MDOT for GI.
- Sass Rd, Grant Twp: **No change in status.** Preliminary plans have been submitted to the Twp and they have expressed their desire to increase the limits to the east. (Estimated at \$60,000)
- Stephens Rd over Big Sauble Bridge: **No change in status.** Final Plans have been submitted, reviewed and approved by the MDOT consultant firm to be submitted for processing to MDOT. Anticipate a May 5th Letting. (Estimate: \$812,100)
- Decker/Stephens Rds over S Br Lincoln River/Frog Paradise Drain: **No change in status.** Final Plans have been submitted, reviewed and approved by the MDOT consultant firm to be submitted for processing to MDOT. Anticipate a May 5th Letting. (Estimate: \$637,500)

Informational Items

- Facilities, Site and Environmental Assessment: Contact has been made with Mr. Martin Ruitter Jr. of Hobbs+Black, and we are coordinating a meeting for Thursday, April 20th for a cursory review and discussion.
- Brine Pond Update: Legal counsel has received and reviewed the draft contract and has some major issues to it such as the capital necessary to make it operational, including environmental work, with the current termination language and the liabilities of operating it. Counsel will see what it can do in its discussions. Additionally, multiple indemnification clauses are also all unconstitutional for you to agree to, as they would violate Art 9, Section 18 of the Michigan Constitution that prohibits the lending of the state's credit, which the courts have ruled happens in an indemnification context.
- Sixth Street HMA Overlay: PM Twp Supv Paul Keson has expressed an interest in cost sharing an HMA Overlay on Sixth Street, PM Hwy to Meyers Rd, 1.1 miles. I am in support of this and we are discussing a 50/50 share. Estimated total project cost is \$87,000 for 1.5" HMA Overlay.

Under unfinished business the following was discussed

1. Approve Township Projects-See Motion
2. Approve material bids-See motion

Under new business the following was discussed

1. Payment options for grader lease-Will request that both bidders include several payment options with their bids.

Items Requiring Board Action**Approve Township Projects 04-13-2017**

Motion by Robidoux seconded by Matiash to enter into the following contracts with the various Townships and to authorize the Manager Director and the Clerk to sign on behalf of the board. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Sherman Township 2017

Township Wide Dust Control for 36.29 miles. Three single mineral brine application .
Total Cost \$44,501.00.

Sheridan Township 2017

Township Wide Dust Control for 32.81 miles. Two single mineral brine application and one piggy back for a total of 3 mineral brine applications.
Total Cost \$50,292.00.

Amber Township 2017

Township Wide Dust Control for 12.44 miles. One piggy back application. Total cost \$8,900.00.

Gordon Road from South of First Street Northerly to US-10 for .53 miles. Reconstruction, aggregate and HMA. Total cost \$127,750.00.

Victory Corner Road from Hansen Road Northerly to Decker Road for 1.01 miles. Ditching, tree removal, aggregate and HMA. Total cost \$137,250.00.

Award Material Bids

Motion by Matiash and seconded by Robidoux to award material bids as recommended by the staff to the lowest responsive bidder:

Motor Oil and Hydraulic Oil to all bidders, Merle Boes, Rowley's, The Lyden Oil Company and Kamp Oil Company.

Gasoline and Diesel to all bidders, Brenner Oil, Petroleum Traders, Lykens Energy Solutions and Crystal Flash.

Corrugated Metal Culverts to all bidders and place on file. Jensen Bridge, St Regis Culvert and Cadillac Culvert.

Guard Rail & Posts to all bidders, Jensen Bridge and Action Traffic Maintenance.

Bridge Materials to Krenn Timber Bridge Inc.

Ayes all. Motion carried.

2017 Cold Patch Material

Motion by Matiash seconded by Robidoux to award the bid for cold patch material to Unique Paving, Reith Riley and Ace-Saginaw Paving Company or to the lowest responsive bidder. Ayes all. Motion carried.

2017 Equipment Rental Rates .

Bidders included:

CIS Snow Plowing and Excavating Inc., Ludington

Petersen & Sons, LLC, Pentwater

Bulldog Unlimited, Custer

Motion by Matiash seconded by Robidoux to accept the bids for Equipment Rental Rates and place on file for the lowest responsive bidder. Ayes all. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2017 at 10:00 am.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 am.



Mary Samuels Secretary



Nick Matiash Chairman