

GENESEE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

January 23, 2018

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kautman-Jones called the meeting of the Genesee County Board of Road Commissioners to order at 10:03 a.m. The meeting was held in the Board Room of the Genesee County Road Commission, 211 W. Oakley, Flint, Michigan 48503-3995.

ROLL CALL

Present: Shirley Kautman-Jones, Chairperson
John Mandelaris, Vice-Chairperson
Robert Johnson, Commissioner
David Arceo, Commissioner
Cloyce Dickerson, Commissioner

Absent: None

Others Present: John Daly, Fred Peivandi, Anthony Branch, Coetta Adams, Randy Dellaposta, Felicia Ivey, Donna Poplar, Stephanie Jaeger, Ron Latimer, Herb Herrick, Genesee County Road Commission Staff; Margaret Perry, Arthur Woodson, Imogene Dantzler, Katie Phillips, James O'Shelley, Harvey Phillips, Anthony Alexander (Genesee County residents), Leslie Raleigh, (Genesee County Clerk's office), Linda Kossak, Secretary of the Board of Road Commissioners

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Kautman-Jones.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

January 23, 2018 – Agenda

Chairperson Kautman-Jones requested we move agenda item, Presentation by Attorney Tom Derderian, (Michael Kluck & Associates) - Closed Session, to the end of the meeting.

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Dickerson, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to approve the agenda for January 23, 2018, with the Presentation by Attorney Tom Derderian – Closed Session, moved to the end of the Board Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 19 2017 – Board Meeting

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Dickerson, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to approve the minutes for December 19, 2017, as printed and presented. Chairperson Kautman-Jones abstained from voting.

MOTION CARRIED.

MEETINGS, PRESENTATIONS, HEARINGS, AND INFORMATION

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

10:10 am – Attorney Tom Derderian – Closed Session – To discuss a legal opinion as provided to the Genesee County Board of Road Commissioners in writing on January 17, 2018.

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

9:00 a.m. – Special Board Meeting – Customer Service Workshop

Tuesday, February 06, 2018

10:00 a.m. – Board Meeting

Monday, February 19, 2018

GCRC closed (non-essential operations) in observance of President’s Day

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

9:00 a.m. – Roads & Bridges Advisory Committee Meeting

10:00 a.m. – Board Meeting

PUBLIC ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mr. Arthur Woodson, 402 W. Stewart Avenue, Flint, MI, addressed the Board this morning concerning the roads in Genesee County. He proposed that the City of Flint and the Genesee County Road Commission pool their efforts to improve the roads in Genesee County. Manager-Director John Daly thanked Mr. Woodson for his comments,

PRESENTATION

Chairperson Shirley Kautman-Jones, recognized Mr. David L. Miller, for his 18 years of serving on the Board of Genesee County Road Commission. The Genesee County Road Commission and Board wishes Mr. Miller good luck and good fortune in his retirement and thanked him for his leadership and many years of service as a Genesee County Board of Road Commissioner. Mr. Miller was given two gifts in appreciation for his service.

ACTION TAKEN - Motion by Mr. Arceo, seconded by Mr. Dickerson, authorizing the Manager-Director to present the gifts to Mr. David L. Miller.

MOTION CARRIED - (By unanimous vote).

Manager-Director John Daly presented Mr. Herb Herrick, GCRC Computer Systems Administrator with a plaque, recognizing his service to the Genesee County Road Commission for his implementation of Patch Software Management Programs used in protecting the Genesee County Road Commission against cyber-attacks.

CORRESPONDENCE

INCOMING

Letter correspondence from Ms. Gayle Cummings, Administrator, Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool re: Dunn v GCRC – In a letter dated January 15, 2018, Ms. Gayle Pratt informed Manager-Director John Daly, that Judge Farah has awarded \$46,645.50 in attorney fees to be reimbursed in the Dunn v GCRC court case to the Road Commission. Ms. Pratt stated the amounts awarded to the Road Commission are due back to MCRCSIP pursuant to the terms in the intergovernmental agreement dated March 15, 1984. (Copy filed with official minutes.)

OUTGOING

(None)

INTERNAL

(None)

INFORMATION

(None)

Request to Approve Correspondence:

ACTION TAKEN - Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to receive and file the presented correspondence.

MOTION CARRIED.

BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS' DECISIONS

DISCUSSION

MDOT Contract No 17-5566 – Flushing Road from Elms Road to Warner Road, Rehabilitation and Resurfacing, MDOT Nos. 130636A, 130638A, 130639A, Mt. Morris Charter Township and Flint Charter Township – In a memorandum dated January 16, 2018, staff requested the Board of County Road Commissioners approve Michigan Department of Transportation Contract No.

17-5566, Flushing Road from Elms Road to Warner Road, Rehabilitation and Resurfacing of Flushing Road from Elms Road to Warner Road, Mt. Morris Charter Township and Flint Charter Township. (Copy filed with official minutes.)

Federal MDOT Surface Transportation Urban	\$1,715,400.00
Local Share	<u>\$ 380,300.00</u>
Total Project Cost	\$2,095,700.00

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Dickerson, seconded by Mr. Mandelaris, to approve the Michigan Department of Transportation Contract No. 17-5566 for the rehabilitation and resurfacing of Flushing Road from Elms Road to Warner Road and further, to direct both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to sign the duplicate original contracts for and on behalf of the Board of County Road Commissioners.

MOTION CARRIED.

Issuance of a Purchase Order to Rowe Professional Services for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Bridge Load Rating and Detailed Inspection Costs – In a memorandum dated January 08, 2018, staff requested the Board approve a purchase order to Rowe Professional Services for performing the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 bridge inspection program for specific bridge load ratings and detailed inspections of various bridges. (Copy filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Dickerson, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to approve a purchase order to Rowe Professional Services for performing the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 bridge inspection program for specific bridge load ratings and detailed inspections of various bridges in an amount of \$17,137.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

Addendum to Purchase Order No. 81377 to Professional Service Industries – In a memorandum dated January 16, 2018, staff requested the Board of County Road Commissioners approve an increase to Purchase Order No. 81377, to Professional Service Industries for Materials Testing. (Copy filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Dickerson, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve an increase to Purchase Order No. 81377 to Professional Service Industries in an amount of \$8,104.50 for Materials Testing. The total amended purchase order is not to exceed \$53,104.50.

MOTION CARRIED.

Issuance of a Purchase Order to Alta Equipment for one Asphalt Hotbox – In a memorandum dated January 16, 2018, staff requested the Board approve the issuance of a purchase order to Alta Equipment for one (1) Asphalt Hotbox with options. (Copy filed with official minutes.)

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Dickerson, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the issuance of a purchase order to Alta Equipment in an amount of \$27,545.74 for one (1)

KM8000TEDD Asphalt Hotbox with options.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ratification of Vouchers totaling \$819,908.74 – (Copies filed with official minutes.)

Voucher #V-40334

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to ratify Voucher #40334 in the amount of \$497,062.56.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Dickerson, Arceo, Johnson, Mandelaris, Kautman-Jones

No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Voucher #V-40335

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to ratify Voucher #40335 in the amount of \$27,479.63.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Dickerson, Arceo, Johnson, Mandelaris, Kautman-Jones

No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Voucher #V-40336

ACTION TAKEN – Motion by Johnson, seconded by Mr. Arceo, to ratify Voucher #40336 in the amount of \$295,366.55.

VOTE ON MOTION:

Yes: Dickerson, Arceo, Johnson, Mandelaris, Kautman-Jones

No: None

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT

(None)

MANAGER-DIRECTOR REPORT

(None)

COMMISSIONERS CONCERNS

Recent Snow and Ice Removal Operations

Manager-Director John Daly gave a quick review of the freezing rain storm event that moved through Genesee County on Friday, January 12, 2018. Mr. Daly stated that there was a series of three bands of significant freezing rain events that moved through the county on Friday, January 12, 2018, starting at 4:00 a.m. Manager Director Daly said that freezing rain must be treated differently than snowfall is treated. Genesee County was hit with freezing rain while neighboring counties were not. Counties to the south of us did not get the freezing rain because it was too warm. Counties to the north of us were too cold for freezing rain to develop and due to the cold, their precipitation turned into snow. This was one of the most serious weather events that this county has ever handled. We were pushed to the absolute limit during this freezing rain event.

Mr. Ron Latimer, GCRC Trunkline Supervisor discussed the timeline that occurred during the freezing rain event on Friday, January 12, 2018. Mr. Latimer stated that we brought the crews in early the morning of Friday, January 12, 2018. Trunkline crews reported in at 3:00 am and district crews started at 4:00 a.m. The forecast said the freezing rain would start to fall at 4:00 a.m. He called the crews on Thursday night and told them to come in early. The road crews started to pre-salt the trunklines and district roads before it started to rain. As the storm progressed, we ran 'Hotloads' which is a mixture of salt and 32% chloride on the expressways. Hotloads react to the snow and ice quicker. Maintenance ran a maximum of 450 lbs. of salt per 2 lane miles which is MDOT Standards. With salt applications, you don't want too little or too much because too little is ineffective and a maximum amount has extensive run off into waterways, which MDEQ regulates closely.

The districts did not use the chloride mixture, they ran straight salt at the maximum loads. The Road Commission ran more salt on Friday, January 12, 2018, than we have ever run before in his 31 years at the Road Commission, let alone in a one day span. Normally when salt is applied, we have a 2 hour working time for it to melt the snow or ice. If the temperature drops we can melt ice, but we won't get a working time of two hours, it will be substantially less which was the case on Friday, January 12, 2018.

Chairperson Kautman-Jones asked how much salt is allocated to the district garages each year.

Maintenance Director, Mr. Anthony Branch addressed the Board regarding salt usage in the district garages. Mr. Branch stated that due to the fact that salt prices change on a yearly basis and our working budget changes from year to year, he does not allocate a certain amount of salt to each garage. Instead, Mr. Branch stated he manages the salt. Before the winter season starts, he fills every district garage with salt. Then he keeps an eye on how much each district garage is using based on the mileage in his district and the weather. If a district foreman is utilizing too

much salt, he talks to them about their salt usage. Every month we have to provide our salt usage to MDOT. MDOT then puts out a statewide salt usage spreadsheet. Salt usage is regulated very tightly by MDOT. Mr. Branch stated that there is a lot of speculation from people who do not understand winter salt maintenance operations. Mr. Branch suggested that there are people who may approach the Board about winter maintenance operations that are unknowledgeable about salt usage. He would like the Board to ask him if they have any questions regarding salt usage during severe weather events before they draw conclusions. Mr. Branch would like the Board to give him the opportunity to answer questions before responses are given. Chairperson Kautman-Jones thanked Maintenance Director, Anthony Branch for his comments.

Commissioner Cloyce Dickerson and Robert Johnson thanked Maintenance Director Anthony Branch for his dedication to the Genesee County Road Commission.

Chairperson Kautman-Jones stated that, at this time the Board will move into closed session to discuss a legal opinion, as provided to the Genesee County Board of Road Commissioner's in writing on January 17, 2018.

ACTION TAKEN - Motion by Mr. Mandelaris, seconded by Mr. Dickerson to go into closed session to discuss a legal opinion, as provided to the Genesee County Board of Road Commissioner's in writing on January 17, 2018, per MCL 15.268(h); MCL 15.243(1)(g);(MCL 15.267(1).

MOTION CARRIED.

(At 11:52 a.m., the Board moved into a closed session)

(At 12:33 p.m., the Board moved into open session to continue its regular order of business)

Chairperson Kautman-Jones, without objection, adjourned the meeting at 12:34 p.m.

JOHN J. GLEASON
Clerk/Register

Linda B. Kossak, Secretary of the
Board of Road Commissioners
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