

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Newaygo County was called to order by Chairman Gonyon at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at the road commission offices.

Commissioners present: William Gonyon, Douglas Harmon, and Lee Fetterley
Staff present: Derek Wawsczyk, Manager; Mike Brege, Superintendent; and Kerry Hewitt, Clerk
Others present: on file

Motion by Commissioner Harmon supported by Commissioner Fetterley to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 8, 2024. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to approve the following vendor checks, ach vendor payments, and payroll checks:

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Vendor checks # 65310 - # 65331 and ACH Vendor checks elect. # 13589 - # 13628 in the amount of \$226,258.13 and Payroll checks # 59731 - # 59747 in the amount of \$121,978.69.

Public Comment: Kelly informed the board that he attended the Brooks Township Lake Association meeting to discuss the Vista Dr. culvert project. Kelly also met with the Big Bend Park Association and discussed the erosion issue on Beech Ave. Kelly mentioned the timing is good with the upcoming township project in that area. Kelly mentioned that the 40th St. permit is finished. Kelly informed the board that the Ryerson/Long Lake Association would like help with the boat launch improvements that are needed. Kelly also thanked Derek for lending a mechanic to fix an issue at Kosten Drain.

Bid Opening: MDOT Hot Mix Asphalt Skip Milling and Paving

LOCATIONS -	Rieth- Riley Price per ton	Rieth- Riley Total Contract	MI Paving & Materials Price Per Ton	MI Paving & Materials Total Contract
Lincoln and Merrill Townships				
M-37 from 3 Mile Rd. to 7 Mile Rd.				
Cold Milling HMA Surface				
approximately 47,318 sq. yards	\$1.35	\$63,879.30	\$1.40	\$66,245.20
HMA, 5EML				
approximately 4,022 tons	\$102.00	\$410,244.00	\$95.00	\$382,090.00
Traffic Control				
1 Ls		\$30,000.00		\$15,100.00
Mobilization				
1 Ls		\$10,000.00		\$14,338.80
TOTAL BID FOR PROJECT:		\$514,123.30		\$477,774.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to award MDOT hot mix asphalt skip milling and paving on behalf of MDOT, to low bid, Michigan Paving & Materials Co. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bid Opening: Asphalt Paving in various locations

LOCATIONS -	Rieth- Riley Price per ton	Rieth- Riley Total Contract	MI Paving & Materials Price Per Ton	MI Paving & Materials Total Contract
GRANT TOWNSHIP				
22 Mile Rd. between Poplar Ave. and Tyrone				
approximately 0.6 mile				<i>Surface Mixture: HMA, 5E1 tier 1 MDOT spec.</i>
Wedge, approx. 100 tons	\$105.00	\$10,500.00	\$87.75	\$8,775.00
Overlay, approx., 750 tons	\$94.50	\$70,875.00	\$87.75	\$65,812.50
Poplar Ave. between 128th St. and 22 Mile Rd.				
approximately 2.0 miles				<i>Surface Mixture: HMA, 5E1 tier 1 MDOT spec.</i>
Wedge, approx. 300 tons	\$100.00	\$30,000.00	\$85.60	\$25,680.00
Overlay, approx., 2,580 tons	\$87.50	\$225,750.00	\$85.60	\$220,848.00
Clearwater St. from Hess Lake Dr. east				
approximately 450 ft.				<i>Surface Mixture: HMA, LVSP Mix tier 1 MDOT spec.</i>
Pave, approx. 150 tons with valley gutter	\$150.00	\$22,500.00	\$98.50	\$14,775.00
Pulverize, approx. 950 sq. yds.	\$5.00	\$4,750.00	\$2.00	\$1,900.00
TOTAL BID FOR GRANT TOWNSHIP:		\$364,375.00		\$337,790.50

DAYTON TOWNSHIP

Dickinson Ave. between 8th St. and 16th St.

Surface Mixture: HMA, LVSP Mix tier 1 MDOT spec.

TOTAL BID FOR NCRC PRIMARY LOCATIONS:

\$543,020.00

\$516,746.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon, to accept management's recommendation and award asphalt paving bid to Michigan Paving & Materials Co., who was low bid per each location. All ayes. Motion carried.

22A Gravel in various locations

LOCATIONS AND QUANTITIES	Alpine Contracting		L&D Carey		Mar Jo Construction		Rieth Riley		Yellow Rose		Verplank Trucking	
	price per ton	Total Contract	price per ton	Total Contract	price per ton	Total Contract	price per ton	Total Contract	price per ton	Total Contract	price per ton	Total Contract
DAYTON TOWNSHIP												
Dickinson Ave. between 8th St. and 16th St.												
approximately 1.0 mile												
approximately 2,300 tons												
	\$14.55	\$33,465.00	\$17.65	\$40,595.00	\$19.45	\$44,735.00	\$19.80	\$45,540.00	\$19.00	\$43,700.00	\$27.00	\$62,100.00
** in doubles												
BIG PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP												
Big Bend Park Entrance to 300 ft. north of 16th St.												
approximately 0.33 miles												
approximately 1,450 tons												
	\$14.35	\$20,807.50	\$14.93	\$21,648.50	\$16.48	\$23,896.00	\$16.40	\$23,780.00	\$19.00	\$27,550.00	\$27.00	\$39,150.00
ENSLEY TOWNSHIP												
Austrian Dr. north of 136th St.												
approximately 2,350 ft.												
approximately 1,600 tons												
	\$15.33	\$24,528.00	\$16.25	\$26,000.00	\$16.94	\$27,104.00	\$19.40	\$31,040.00	\$17.00	\$27,200.00	\$27.00	\$43,200.00
124th St. from Elm Ave. to Hemlock Ave.												
approximately 2,600 ft.												
approximately 1,140 tons												
	\$15.20	\$17,328.00	\$14.60	\$16,644.00	\$15.31	\$17,453.40	\$19.40	\$22,116.00	\$17.00	\$19,380.00	\$27.00	\$30,780.00
TOTAL BID FOR ENSLEY TOWNSHIP:		\$41,856.00	\$42,644.00	\$44,557.40	\$53,156.00	\$46,580.00	\$73,980.00					

Motion was made by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to accept management's recommendation and award to low bid per township, Alpine Contracting, pending testing, availability and in the best interest of the Road Commission. All ayes.

8:15 a.m. - Chairman Gonyon opened the public hearing for the abandonment of N. Willow Ave./Forest Service Rd. 5043

Jacob Lubera from the USFS was present to discuss their request for abandonment of N. Willow Ave./Forest Service Rd. 5043, and to answer any questions. Nobody else was present for the abandonment hearing. Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to adopt resolution NCRC-05-002-24, a resolution vacating and abandoning a portion of N. Willow Ave./Forest Service Road 5043. All ayes. Motion carried.

8:30 a.m. – Public Hearing, upcoming construction projects in Ensley Twp.

- 124th St. between Elm and Hemlock, Grub, Grade, Gravel, & Pave
- Austrian Dr., Grub, Grade, & Gravel

Derek described the above-mentioned projects. Jerry Pollard was present to discuss the staked right-of-way. Mike Brege described the process that we stake the right-of-way so we know the limits to work within, but we will not be utilizing the full 66 ft. of right-of-way. No other questions or concerns were brought forward.

Award Bid: Temporary Cofferdam for Vista Dr. culvert project

Derek informed the board that Mike priced out sheet piling, and the cost exceeded the bid prices. In addition, this project has utilities to work around. Motion was made by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to accept management’s recommendation and award bid to low bid, J.E. Kloote Contracting, Inc. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry presented the board with an updated MVHF Comparison spreadsheet, cash flow, and an updated township project spreadsheet.

Kerry presented the following contracts with **Ensley Township:**

- 124th St. from Elm Ave. to Hemlock Ave., Grub, Grade, Gravel, and Pave
- Austrian Dr., Grub, Grade, and Gravel
- 22 Mile Rd. between Locust Ave. and Elm Ave., Wedge and Overlay

Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to approve and sign the above-mentioned contracts with Ensley Township. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry presented the following contracts with **Big Prairie Township:**

- Beech Ave. from Big Bend Park Entrance to 300 ft. north of 16th St., Grub, Grade, Gravel, and Pave
- Big Bend Campground Entrance, Grade, Gravel, and Pave

Motion by Commissioner Fetterley and supported by Commissioner Harmon to approve and sign the above-mentioned contracts with Big Prairie Township. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry presented the following contract with **Garfield Township:**

- Pavement Markings within Garfield Township, approximately 26.25 miles

Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Fetterley to approve and sign the above-mentioned contract with Garfield Township. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry asked the board if they had a chance to review the updated and new policies that she provided on a flash drive. Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Gonyon to approve the updated policy book. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kerry reported on the Finance and HR Seminar she attended earlier this week. It is always exciting to learn about some of the innovative ideas other counties have implemented. For example. VanBuren County has a competency pay level in their union contract. The more you know the more you earn. This helped them alleviate the issue with heavy equipment operators assigned specific

equipment and then having to work around vacations and absences when work needed to be done. Or new employees having to wait for enough seniority to be assigned the opportunity to run certain equipment.

Derek reported that he has received updated plans of the Hardy Dam project from Consumers Energy, which he forwarded to Jon Moxey, Flies & Vandenbrink. They are discussing increasing the load limit from 10 tons to 20 tons.

Derek reported that he attended the Paul Bunyan meeting on the 16th. The main topic of discussion was the proposed mileage-based road funding mechanism.

Derek reported that we received the go ahead from the Forest Service on the Brook's Township 84th St. project.

Derek informed the board that Joe Jablonski stated he is on schedule to start the roadside mowing around the end of the month.

Derek reported that Tri-Us Services continues to sweep our county roads. Derek mentioned that he is impressed with their communication.

Derek informed the board that he has been invited to the Hardy Dam stake holders meeting that will be held on June 6th.

Derek reported that Mike and Kelly met Dale along with Jim from MDOT at M-37 and 104th to discuss a culvert replacement project.

Derek informed the board that the two culverts that were held up due to supply chain issues are being delivered and installed.

Derek informed the board that the change of pavement markings on M-37 was approved by the White Cloud City Council and MDOT.

Mike provided a construction update.

Derek informed the board that the three new pickup trucks from Berger Chevrolet will be delivered next week.

Derek reported that Darren has completed Paser ratings for all the Federal Aid eligible roads. Derek reported that we will be utilizing the \$5,000 grant and will work towards rating all the local paved roads.

Derek mentioned that he would like to discuss management wages at the next meeting.

Public Comment: Gary mentioned that he is glad that mowing will start soon, and that Garfield Township was wondering too. Gary said if we go towards a competency pay level, that he would be happy to bring it back to the union for discussion. He informed us that he recently settled with Muskegon County.

9:20 a.m. - Closed the public hearings

Commissioner discussion items:

Commissioner Fetterley reported that he and Commission Harmon helped with the Hazardous Waste collection. There were a lot of people that participated.

Commissioner Harmon mentioned that they utilized a new company for the Hazardous Waste Collection. The new company had things set up a little backwards, and they were busier than normal. Commissioner Harmon reported that MDOT is waiting for the LARA permit to finish the restrooms at the High Rollaway roadside park. Commissioner Harmon mentioned that the asphalt on 24th St. at Crystal Lake looks nice.

With no objections, Chairman Gonyon adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

William Gonyon, Chairman

Kerry Hewitt, Clerk