

The regular meeting of the Board of County Road Commissioners of Newaygo County was called to order by Chairman Gonyon at 8:00 am on Wednesday, April 14th, 2021 at the road commission offices.

Commissioners present: Bill Gonyon and Douglas Harmon

Commissioners present via teleconference: Louis J. Meeuwenberg

Also present: Manager Derek Wawsczyk and Clerk, Kristin Dronchi

John Zimmerman was present for public comment. He extended a thank you for the great job done on the roads in his area. His concerns are the speed limited on 13 Mile Road in Newaygo and 19 Mile Road in Mecosta; the high number of dead deer that are on the road; the road not having speed limit signs and not having a police presence to deter speeding. Furthermore, he had a concern with the corner at Beech and 13 Mile. It is a dangerous corner with limited visibility and not there is a sign up in the ROW that he would like the road commission to remove. The Board and Derek addressed his concerns. The road commission doesn't have jurisdiction to patrol over speeding or do anything on limiting the number of deer that get hit. However, Derek will address the concerns the road commission has authority over and will be back in touch with Mr. Zimmerman. Derek reported that a traffic count will be done on our primaries this year and he can get that information for Cypress over to Mr. Zimmerman.

Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Chairman Gonyon to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 24th, 2021. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Chairman Gonyon to approve vendor checks from #63190 to #63215 and ACH vendor payments from #elect10741 to #elect10772 in the amount of \$368,491.15 and payroll checks from #58461 to #58475 in the amount of \$95,797.10 for April 1, 2021 and to approve vendor checks from #63216 to #63232 and ACH vendor payments from #elect10773 to #elect10804 in the amount of \$533,451.77 and payroll checks from #58476 to #58490 in the amount of \$90,347.28 for April 16th, 2021 Motion carried.

Awarding of Dust Control and Ice Control Sand bid from March 24th, 2021:

Ice Control Sand

Discussions took place regarding the Ice Control Sand Bid. Derek had conversations with both the two low bidders. Derek recommends to award to low bid Barber Creek for Ice Control Sand. Motion was made by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Chairman Gonyon accept management recommendation and award to low bid Barber Creek for both locations. Motion carried.

Dust Control

Discussions took place regarding the Dust Control Bid. Derek reported that he had conversations with KCRC regarding the analysis that they did. Derek recommended going with low bid D& B Brine for the primary dust control. Commissioner Harmon and supported by Chairman Gonyon accept management recommendation and award to low bid D&B Brine. Motion carried.

Kristin reported on the renewal rate from MCRSCIP. She also reported that the cyber security coverage that MCRSCIP was providing the pool was not renewed. The Cyber liability provider will no longer pool the cyber insurance coverage with MCRSCIP and if we want coverage we will have to purchase on our own. MCRSCIP sent information regarding the cyber security company they will be using and sent quotes specific to each road commission. Kristin recommended that 1M Cyber Insurance coverage versus the \$500,000 coverage due to the fact the price difference is quite small for an additional amount of coverage. Motion was made by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Chairman Gonyon to move forward with the \$1M Cyber Insurance Coverage. Motion carried.

Kristin reported that the following township contracts needed to be signed and approved:

Merrill:

- Grub, grade, gravel, pave Lakeshore Drive between Ashland and Franklin

Motion was made by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Chairman Gonyon to approve and sign contract with Merrill Township.

Ensley:

- Reseal Cottonwood from 104th to 112th
- Wedge and Reseal 128th between Balsam and Butternut
- Wedge and reseal Balsam from 128th to Oak
- Wedge and reseal Butternut between 128th and 136th
- Wedge and reseal 112th from Cypress to Elm
- Wedge and reseal Oak from Balsam to 120th
- Wedge and reseal Beech and Butternut from 104th to 120th
- Grade and gravel Hemlock between 104th and 112th

Motion was made by Chairman Gonyon and supported by Commissioner Harmon to approve and sign contracts with Ensley Township.

Grant:

- Overlay 104th between Oak and East Township Line
- Overlay Peach between 120th and 128th
- Wedge and Overlay Parking lot at Township hall
- Reseal Thornapple between 136th and 22 Mile
- Wedge and Overlay Elder between 128th and City Limits
- Wedge and Overlay Catalpa between 120th and 128th

- Wedge and reseal Oak between 120th and 22 Mile
- Reseal Ironwood and 124th
- Wedge 104th at Sycamore and going West to M-38

Motion was made by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Chairman Gonyon to approve and sign contracts with Grant Township.

Goodwell:

- Grade and Gravel 4 Mile between Locust and Pine
- Grade and Gravel Pine between 3 Mile and 4 Mile
- Grade and gravel Pine between 2 Mile and 3 Mile
- Grade and gravel Pine between 4 Mile and Van Buren Street

Motion was made by Chairman Gonyon and supported by Commissioner Harmon to approve and sign contracts with Goodwell Township.

Sherman:

- Wedge and Overlay 12th between Baldwin and Wisner
- Wedge and Overlay Sherman starting at 40th and going north

Motion was made by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Chairman Gonyon to approve and sign contracts with Sherman Township.

Derek reported the Jim and him met with the Forest Service to talk about future logging projects. They would like us to improve gravel roads on logging routes and they have funding for us to improve in the future. Derek will get estimate to the USFS regarding these routes.

Derek reported that work on 14 Mile and Newcosta Bridges have been started.

Derek reported that we have an official date for the Hazardous Waste cleanup day. It is May 15th and the Public Works Department would like to use our facility once again. Board had no objections. Motion was made by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Chairman Gonyon to allow the Public Works Department to use our facility for the Hazardous Waste Clean up Day. Motion carried.

Derek reported that he has Fleis and Vandenbrink working on the salt shed project plans for our new salt shed at the White Cloud facility. MDOT is to participate in part of the funding so the plans will be sent to MDOT to approve hopefully at the end of the month.

Derek reported that he has a proposal for the Robinson Creek Bridge project on old M-20 from Fleis and Vandenbrink. We need to get the project obligated to keep our State D Carryover Funds and then match with other federal funds in 2023/2024. It is estimated that the road commission's cost would be approximately \$42,600. Motion was made by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Chairman Gonyon to accept the proposal and allow manager to sign. Motion carried.

Derek reported that he will be attending the rural task force meeting this week.

Derek reported that MCRSCIP was here to have a safety training course with all employees and then flagging safety with new employees.

Derek reported that the Sandy Beach project is complete and they will be moving to Diamond Lake project for the county parks.

Derek reported that the 2021/2022 salt has been ordered. Staying with approximately the same amount from the previous year. Both stock piles are full.

Derek reported that MDOT completed the sweeping on highways and will move onto our roads soon.

Derek reported that the Garfield Township meeting has been rescheduled to May.

Derek reported that he has a deaf and blind child sign policy he would like the Board to review. Discussions took place regarding the sign policy:

DEAF AND BLIND CHILD WARNING SIGNS POLICY
BOARD OF THE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
OF NEWAYGO COUNTY

Intent, to establish criteria for the installation of Deaf (N-12) and Blind (W50-2) Child Warning Signs.

Information, the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices does not establish any criteria for the installation of these warning signs. Therefore, the Newaygo County Road Commission is establishing its own criteria for the installation of these signs.

Procedure,

1. A resident living on a street or road under the jurisdiction of the Newaygo County Road Commission who wishes to have a Deaf or Blind Child Warning Sign installed must submit written request to the Newaygo County Road Commission. The following criteria shall apply:
 - a. The hearing and/or visually impaired child for whom the sign(s) are to be installed must be under eighteen years of age.
 - b. Written verification of the child's hearing problem and/or documentation stating the child is legally blind must be received from a school official or a licensed physician.
2. If the above criterion is met, a sign will be installed at the direction of the Newaygo County Road Commission. The following guidelines will be followed:
 - a. In the case where the child is confirmed to having both a hearing and visual impairment a "deaf child" sign will be chosen for installation.
 - b. The sign placement will be reviewed at least every two years to ensure that the above criterion is still being met.

- c. *The Newaygo County Road Commission will remove the Blind or Deaf Child warning sign(s) when the hearing and/or visually impaired child becomes eighteen years old or if the impaired child no longer resides at the address for which the signs were placed.*
- d. *The requestor of the sign shall be responsible for notifying the Newaygo County Road Commission if the child no longer resides at the address for which the signs were placed.*

These criteria shall be superseded by any and all changes to the Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, which affect the criteria and/or placement of the Deaf/Blind Child warning sign.

Motion was made by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Chairman Gonyon to adopt the Deaf and Blind Warning Signs Policy. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

William Gonyon, Chairman

Kristin Dronchi, Clerk