

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, June 9, 2021 at the road commission offices.

Commissioners present Bill Gonyon, Douglas Harmon and Louis J. Meeuwenberg

Also present: Manager Derek Wawczyk; Clerk, Kristin Dronchi, and consultant Kelly Smith

Motion by Commissioner Meeuwenberg and supported by Commissioner Harmon to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 26th, 2021. Motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Meeuwenberg to approve vendor checks from #63319 to #63344 and ACH vendor payments from #elect10918 to #elect10951 in the amount of \$498,778.26 and payroll checks from #58536 to #58551 in the amount of \$108,188.97 for June 11th, 2021. Motion carried.

No one was present for public comment.

Kristin reported on the CRASIF 2021-22 premium discount and the refund that was received for the current membership year.

Kristin reported that MCRCSIP sent the ballots for the Northern Director position. There is one at-large ballot to elect one director for a 3-way term and on Northern ballot to elect on director for the 2 year term. Discussions took place. Commissioner Meeuwenberg asked where the discussion stood with MCRSCIP allowing Road Commission's that left the pool back into it. Kristin reported she would go back and gather that information and bring it to the next board meeting.

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

Garfield:

- Grade, gravel and Pave Mundy from 96th North

Motion was made by Commissioner Meeuwenberg and supported by Commissioner Harmon to approve and sign contract with Garfield Township. Motion carried.

Ashland:

- Grub, Grade, Gravel and Pave Sugar Bush Lane between East Maple and West Maple

Motion was made by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Meeuwenberg to approve and sign contract with Garfield Township. Motion carried.

Derek reported that he and Jason and had a meeting with Oceana County Road regarding this year's chip seal program.

Derek reported that the roadside mowing for the MDOT roads have been completed and look great. He reported that Alpine Tree is moving along on our system and he has been in contact with them regarding issues and will meet with them at the end of the season to hopefully see if they are willing to invest in different equipment to get a better mowing product.

Derek reported that the roof project has been completed here at the facility and he will have a meeting with them regarding the project.

Derek reported that the primary 14-mile bridge detour is up and work has started on the bridge.

Derek reported that the plans are moving on the 58th Street Bigelow crossing. We have sent out a P.O. for a timber bridge at that location.

Derek reported that we were doing to have a truck at the Newaygo Kids day but pulled out because he just that some of the rules put in place due to covid weren't going to allow us to have the kids hand paint the plow. He mentioned we will continue to be involved in programs in the future when possible.

Derek gave a construction update.

Discussions took place regarding the letter from the UAW and Collective Bargaining Unit to the Newaygo County Road Commission regarding opening up the contract and amending wages to continue to be competitive during the recent economic times. Discussions have been taking place the past few board meetings regarding ideas on what to do outside of the union contract, to make the wages and benefits more competitive.

After discussions, it was determined that the Board was not in favor of opening the contact and a motion was made by Commissioner Harmon and supported by Commissioner Meeuwenberg to present a Letter of Understanding to the UAW and the Collective Bargaining Unit stating that the Newaygo County Road Commission will offer longevity payments to the Collective Bargaining Unit in the amount of \$1000 as listed on the schedule below along with a detailed monetary list showing other benefits they receive; pending the UAW's agreement to that said Letter of Understanding.

Longevity Payment Schedule as follows:

- The first pay of July 2021
- The first pay of January 2022
- The first pay of July 2022
- The first pay of January 2023
- The first pay of July 2023

Motion carried.

Kristin reported that she would get this information over to the lawyer to have them start working on the Letter of Understanding for the union.

Commissioner Harmon reported on the park committee meeting. He brought the contract with Lincoln Township to the park committee meeting presenting the idea of the 3-way split for this project between the County Board, the County Parks and the Road Commission. Discussions are taking place in order to determine if the county parks and county board are willing to cost share.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

William Gonyon, Chairman

Kristin Dronchi, Clerk