

HILLSDALE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
February 24, 2022
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Meeting was called to order by Chair Bob Godfrey on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the road commission office.

Members present: Bob Godfrey & Mike Parney.

Member absent: Gary Leininger.

Staff present: John Sanders, Manager & Marilyn Kilpatrick, Clerk.

Visitors present: Doug Ingles, County Commissioner.
Allan Andrews.
Thomas Whitaker.
Doug Tripp.
Roger McClain.
Jim Koers.
Don Hobbs.
Shaun Stukey.
Bill Watkins.
Curtis Gale.
Glenn Fobel.
Nicholas Bentley

Agenda Approved

Having reviewed the agenda for this date, there were no additions or deletions. The chair declared the agenda to stand approved as presented.

Limited Public Comment

At 10:05 a.m., the chair opened the meeting to limited public comment. Allan Andrews provided pictures from the home of Darsey Hickman 5423 Circle Drive water issue.

Curtis Gale addressed the concern of a resident over a tree form.

Tom Whitaker, Director of Hillsdale County Emergency Management introduced himself.

Don Hobbs addressed the board that he was not able to view all of the camera footage. The manager advised that it is too large to be placed on a DVD. He will get a letter from DMCI verifying the size of the footage.

Doug Ingles, County Commissioner provided a fact sheet for expenditures from the Michigan Municipal League. He also provided correspondence from Thomas Thompson regarding governmental gifts.

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Nicholas Bentley addressed the board regarding the management negotiations for wages. The chair advised that management is separate. The association representative and the management attorney are handling the bargaining for the contract.

Jim Koers addressed the board regarding past negotiations with the association and management.

Glenn Frobel responded that bargaining needs to be done in good faith on both sides.

Bill Watkins explained how negotiations had been done in the past. He also addressed the need that all of a sudden the need to add two more road commissioners to the board.

Roger McLain discussed the property next to the Jerome Garage. He addressed concerns of road commission items being placed on his property. Mr. McClain has contacted the manager on purchasing the property. The manager is researching the purchase.

Minutes Approved

Having reviewed the minutes of the January 27, 2022 regular meeting, there were no additions, deletions or corrections to be noted. The chair declared the minutes to stand approved as presented.

CONFIRMATION OF PAYROLL AS AUTHORIZED FOR PAYMENT BY THE STAFF

#22-017 Mike Parney moved, Bob Godfrey supported, to confirm the regular payroll in the amount of \$104,233.43 per Payroll Check Registers dated 2/3/22, and the regular payoff in the amount of \$110,048.57 per Payroll Check Registers dated 02/17/2022 as authorized by the manager and the clerk. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

#22-018 Bills in the amount of \$221,660.95 and the electronic funds transfer in the amount of \$69,308.32 for a total amount of \$290,969.27 per Accounts Payable Check Registers dated 2/10/22 were presented for board approval. Mike Parney moved, Bob Godfrey supported, that these bills be allowed and orders drawn for the same. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report Presented

The treasurer's report was presented by the clerk as follows:

Beginning Balance-Cash & Investments	\$1,897,481.42
Receipts	\$1,310,773.38
Disbursements:	(\$ 668,064.01)

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Ending Cash & Investments Balance	\$2,540,190.79
Less: Bonds in Escrow	(\$ 14,250.00)
CD reserved for 2 trucks	(\$ 601,342.76)
 Ending Available Fund Balance	 \$1,924,598.03
Note: Outstanding Accounts Payable = \$ 79,987.32	

As there were no questions or comments regarding the report, the chair declared the report to stand approved as read.

Discussion Followed on Bridge and Road Projects

Montgomery Road Bridge – Pre Con Meeting has been held. The contractor would like to get the equipment in before frost laws are implemented. Starting date is scheduled for March 9th.
Squawfield Road Bridge – If everything goes as planned starting date will be the end of June.

TOWNSHIP AGREEMENTS APPROVED

The following township agreements were presented for board approval:

<u>Township</u>	<u>Work Type</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>	<u>Twp. Share</u>
Scipio	Road stabilization – Once	\$ 17,205.00	\$ 6,882.00
Scipio	Gravel patch – 1,500 cyd.	\$ 27,750.00	\$ 18,500.00

#22-019 Mike Parney moved, Bob Godfrey supported, that the township agreements be approved and signed. Carried.

Review Salt Orders for the 2021 – 2022 Winter Season

The manager reviewed the salt order for the 2021 – 2022 winter season with the board. We have to purchase a minimum of 80% per the salt contract.

Quantity for season	= 9,500 ton (80% = 7,600 ton)
Salt received through 2/23/22	= 3,896 ton
Salt on order but not delivered	= 1,850 ton
(Last year at this time salt delivered	= 5,584 ton)

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FROST LAWS IN EFFECT ON MARCH 1, 2022 AT 7:30 A.M.

With warmer temperatures coming the manager and board decided that frost laws will go into effect on March 1st at 7:30 a.m.

#22-020 Mike Parney moved, Bob Godfrey supported, that the frost laws be implemented on March 1, 2002 at 7:30 a.m. Carried.

Discuss County Radio Tower at Steven's Pit

The manager will meet with Tom to see where the tower can be placed. The soil will make the determination. The current tower system that the county has is inadequate.

MIOSHA Complaints

The manager advised the board that the road commission has be cleared of all the complaints. We received another one today that will need to be addressed. Discussion followed on having MIOSHA do a walk through of the buildings. The manager advised that due to COVID MIOSHA will not do a walk through at this time. Our insurance company has found a few items that needed to be addressed and they have been corrected.

Littin Litigation

Certified mail was received regard Littin verses Mosley. Notice has been forward on to the attorney. We have 21 days to respond.

Limited Public Comment

Allan Andrews addressed a quote for Card and Abbott.

Doug Tripp asked when the dead trees on Long Lake would be cleaned up. The manager advised the process of cleaning up the trees from the storm.

Glenn Froebel discussed the Squawfield Road Bridge.

Don Hobbs discussed the status of his job. The manager will address.

Shaun Stukey asked about Territorial Road and the property next to the Camden Garage.

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Meeting Adjourned – 11:06 a.m.

As there was no further business, the chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.


Chair


Clerk