

Mason, Michigan

August 2, 2010

The Board of Ingham County Road Commissioners met for a regular meeting on Monday, August 2, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Road Commission's Austin E. Cavanaugh Administration Building located at 301 N. Bush Street, Mason, Michigan.

Present: Joseph A. Guenther, Chair, Shirley M. Rodgers, Vice Chair, James G. Dravenstatt-Moceri, Member, and Thomas M. Mitchell, Member, Norman L. Gear, Member.

Also Present: William M. Conklin, Managing Director, Robert H. Peterson, Director of Engineering, Tina M. Henry, Finance Director, James M. Benjamin, Director of Operations.

Absent: David E. Francis, Deputy Secretary to the Board.

AGENDA ITEM #34 – LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT.

None.

AGENDA ITEM #4 – LATE ITEMS/DELETIONS/CONSENT ITEMS.

Chair Guenther added item 10B, Agreement with OPEIU to hold Barnhart grievance in abeyance.

Moved by Commissioner Rodgers and Supported by Commissioner Mitchell, that the following items be approved under consent:

- A. Agenda Item #5, Routine and Special Permits.
- B. Agenda Item #7A, Accounts Payable July 5 – July 18, 2010.
- C. Agenda Item #9A, Local Road Agreement with Alaiedon Township.
- D. Agenda Item #9B, Local Road Agreement with Bunker Hill Township.
- E. Agenda Item #9C, Local Road Agreement with Delhi Township.
- F. Agenda Item #9D, Local Road Agreement with Locke and Leroy Townships.
- G. Agenda Item #9E, Local Road Agreement with Onondaga Township.
- H. Agenda Item #9F, Local Road Agreement with White Oak Township.

5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #5 – Routine and Special Permits.

Moved by Commissioner Rodgers and Supported by Commissioner Mitchell, that routine permits be approved as follows:

10-0370	10-0371	10-0372	10-0373	10-0374	10-0378
10-0379	10-0381	10-0382	10-0383	10-0384	10-0386
10-0387	10-0388	10-0389	10-0390	10-0391	10-0392
10-0394	10-0395	10-0398	10-0399	10-0400	10-0356

10-0375 10-0376 10-0377 10-0380 10-0385 10-0393
10-0396 10-0397 10-0401 10-0402

5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #7A – Accounts Payable.

Moved by Commissioner Rodgers and Supported by Commissioner Mitchell, that accounts payable for the two week period of July 5 – July 18 2010, totaling \$453,787.47, be approved. 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #9A, – Alaiedon Township Local Road Agreement.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ALAIEDON TOWNSHIP LOCAL ROAD AGREEMENT.

RESOLUTION #074-10

Moved by Commissioner Rodgers and Supported by Commissioner Mitchell. 5 yes, 0 no. Resolution carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of William M. Conklin, Managing Director, the Board authorizes the Alaiedon Township Local Road Agreement.

Agenda Item #9B, – Local Road Agreement with Bunker Hill Township.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUNKER HILL TOWNSHIP LOCAL ROAD AGREEMENT.

RESOLUTION #075-10

Moved by Commissioner Rodgers and Supported by Commissioner Mitchell. 5 yes, 0 no. Resolution carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of William M. Conklin, Managing Director, the Board authorizes the Bunker Hill Township Local Road Agreement.

Agenda Item #9C, – Local Road Agreement with Delhi Township.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DELHI TOWNSHIP LOCAL ROAD AGREEMENT.

RESOLUTION #076-10

Moved by Commissioner Rodgers and Supported by Commissioner Mitchell. 5 yes, 0 no. Resolution carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of William M. Conklin, Managing Director, the Board authorizes the Delhi Township Local Road Agreement.

Agenda Item #9D, – Local Road Agreement with Locke and Leroy Townships.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LOCKE AND LEROY TOWNSHIPS LOCAL ROAD AGREEMENT.

RESOLUTION #077-10

Moved by Commissioner Rodgers and Supported by Commissioner Mitchell. 5 yes, 0 no. Resolution carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of William M. Conklin, Managing Director, the Board authorizes the Locke and Leroy Townships Local Road Agreement.

Agenda Item #9E, – Local Road Agreement with Onondaga Township.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONONDAGA TOWNSHIP LOCAL ROAD AGREEMENT.

RESOLUTION #078-10

Moved by Commissioner Rodgers and Supported by Commissioner Mitchell. 5 yes, 0 no. Resolution carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of William M. Conklin, Managing Director, the Board authorizes the Onondaga Township Local Road Agreement.

Agenda Item #9F, – Local Road Agreement with White Oak Township.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WHITE OAK TOWNSHIP LOCAL ROAD AGREEMENT.

RESOLUTION #079-10

Moved by Commissioner Rodgers and Supported by Commissioner Mitchell. 5 yes, 0 no. Resolution carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of William M. Conklin, Managing Director, the Board authorizes the White Oak Township Local Road Agreement.

Agenda Item #6, – Managing Director Reports.

Managing Director William M. Conklin, stated he followed up with the Meridian Township Police Department regarding the fatal accident at Okemos High School and Jolly Road. Mr. Conklin stated the final accident report is still not available. Mr. Conklin stated the final report will be provided to the Board as soon as it is available.

Mr. Conklin stated another fatal accident occurred recently at Barnes Road and Edgar Road. Mr. Conklin stated staff will conduct a study of that intersection to see if it warrants a four way stop instead of the current two way stop.

Commissioner Rodgers asked if there is any routine traffic data received that could be reviewed prior to tragic accidents taking place. Mr. Conklin stated accident ranking statistics are received annually on all roads and intersections. Mr. Conklin stated all the locations are reviewed at that time.

Mr. Conklin stated staff filed a claim with MCRCSIP under the Errors and Omissions coverage to cover the difference between the premium cost sharing for the different health care plan choices the Retirees were erroneously quoted originally and the corrected higher amounts sent out recently. Mr. Conklin stated the claim was denied and referenced a letter from Mark Jahnke, Claims Representative with specialty claims service, MCRCSIP's third party administrator. Mr. Conklin stated Mr. Jahnke did indicate the Ingham County Road Commission could file a claim under criminal coverage for losses due to crime. Mr. Conklin stated that claim will be filed when the investigation is complete.

Mr. Conklin referenced a spreadsheet listing the cost difference between the erroneous and correct retiree health care cost sharing amounts totaling \$19,292 for the 7 month, January through July 2010, period. Mr. Conklin then referenced an email from PHP indicating that retirees can be offered a 30 day special open enrollment period to let them switch plans knowing the correct cost sharing amounts for the 3 plan choices. Mr. Conklin stated the changes would apply for the remaining 5 months of the year.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PHP RE-OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR RETIREES.

RESOLUTION #080-10

Moved by Commissioner Mitchell and Supported by Commissioner Dravenstatt-Moceri. 5 yes, 0 no. Resolution carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of William M. Conklin, Managing Director, the Board authorizes the acceptance of PHP re-open enrollment for retirees between August 1, 2010 and August 31, 2010, to be effective August 1, 2010.

RESOLUTION THE LETTERS SENT TO RETIREES BE RESCINDED.

RESOLUTION #081-10

Moved by Commissioner Rodgers and Supported by Commissioner Gear. 5 yes, 0 no. Resolution carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of William M. Conklin, Managing Director, the Board authorizes the letters recently sent to the retirees indicating funds would be owed to the Ingham County Road Commission for the health insurance error be rescinded.

Agenda Item #9, – Presentation of the Michigan Avenue – Grand River Avenue Transportation Study.

Debbie Alexander, Assistant Executive Director at CATA gave a power point presentation on the Michigan Avenue – Grand River Transportation Study.

Agenda Item #9G, – Leslie Township Request to Carry Over Two Years of Local Road Match Funds.

Managing Director William M. Conklin, stated Leslie Township has requested to carry over both their 2009 and 2010 Local Road Match Funds totaling \$48,000.00, to 2011. Mr. Conklin stated under Board Policy #294, Townships wishing to carry over more than one year of Road Commission providing matching funds for local roads must request this giving a reason for the request and a project the funds are being saved for.

Commissioner Rodgers stated a specific project was not stated in their request. Chair Guenther stated Leslie Township needs to be informed of Board Policy that requires a project must be identified if more than one year Local Road Match Funds are carried over.

Moved by Commissioner Rodgers and Supported by Commissioner Dravenstatt-Moceri. 5 yes, 0 no. The Board tabled Leslie Township's request to carry over two years of Local Road Match Funds until Leslie Township identifies a project and notifies the Ingham County Road Commission.

Agenda Item #9H, – Appointment of one Voting Delegate to the 2010 Annual CRASIF Conference.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE VOTING DELEGATE TO ATTEND THE 2010 ANNUAL CRASIF CONFERENCE.

RESOLUTION #082-10

Moved by Commissioner Gear and Supported by Commissioner Mitchell. 5 yes, 0 no. Resolution carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board appoints Robert H. Peterson, Director of Engineering, the voting delegate at the 2010 annual CRASIF conference.

Agenda Item #9I, – Request by Unions to send an additional employee to the 2010 Annual MERS Conference.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ONE ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEE TO ATTEND THE 2010 ANNUAL MERS CONFERENCE.

RESOLUTION #083-10

Moved by Commissioner Dravenstatt-Moceri and Supported by Commissioner Mitchell. 5 yes, 0 no. Resolution carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of William M. Conklin, Managing Director, the Board authorizes one additional employee to attend the 2010 Annual MERS Conference with all expenses paid.

Agenda Item #9J, – Supervisor Retirement / Request to recall one laid-off SEIU member.

Managing Director William M. Conklin, stated Charlie Davis, Western District Supervisor, has indicated he will retire on August 13, 2010. Mr. Conklin stated that as a result of this retirement, staff requests permanently recalling the senior laid-off SEIU member, Bob Guevara.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT RECALL OF SEIU MEMBER.

RESOLUTION #084-10

Moved by Commissioner Mitchell and Supported by Commissioner Gear. 5 yes, 0 no. Resolution carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of William M. Conklin, Managing Director, the Board authorizes the permanent recall of the senior laid-off SEIU member, Bob Guevara.

Commissioner Rodgers stated Mr. Guevara was laid-off as a supervisor and is being recalled as an assistant supervisor. Commissioner Rodgers asked if the legalities of such recall have been addressed. Managing Director William M. Conklin, stated the SEIU contract has been reviewed and Labor Counsel Peter Cohl was consulted who advised that this recall would not violate the SEIU contract.

Agenda Item #10A, – Resolution in Support of Active Transportation Infrastructure.

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE.

RESOLUTION #085-10

Moved by Commissioner Mitchell and Supported by Commissioner Dravenstatt-Mocerri. 5 yes, 0 no. Resolution carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Chair Guenther, the Board authorizes a Resolution in support of the Ingham County Women's Commission Active Transportation Infrastructure.

Agenda Item #10B, – Agreement with OPEIU to hold Stephanie Barnhart grievance in abeyance.

Chair Guenther stated he has been contacted by OPEIU and asked if he would agree to OPEIU's abeyance request on the Stephanie Barnhart grievance.

Commissioner Rodgers stated in the past Commissioners have made efforts not to get involved collectively or individually with any forms of negotiations. Commissioner Rodgers stated that by doing this, it puts the Commissioners back in a process that efforts were made to take the Commissioners out of. Commissioner Rodgers stated that a motion was made at a prior Board meeting and that motion would need to be rescinded prior to another motion.

Moved by Commissioner Dravenstatt-Mocerri and Supported by Commissioner Mitchell. Roll call vote: Commissioner Mitchell, yes, Chair Guenther, yes, Commissioner Rodgers, no, Commissioner Dravenstatt-Mocerri, yes, Commissioner Gear, abstained. 3 yes, 1 no, 1 Abstention. Resolution passed.

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of Chair Guenther, the Board rescinds the prior Board motion denying the Stephanie Barnhart abeyance and hold the Stephanie Barnhart grievance in abeyance for a period of 6 months beginning August 2, 2010 until February 2, 2011.

Agenda Item #11, – Board updates/comments.

Commissioner Rodgers stated she attended the MCRCSIP conference and the MCRCSIP Board determined that the refund to all county road members for 2010 will total 10 million dollars. Commissioner Rodgers stated the 10 million dollars will be split between all counties who are members.

Commissioner Dravenstatt-Moceri asked staff if we had heard back from Lansing Board of Water and Light (LBWL) on the emergency signal services contract. Director of Engineering Robert H. Peterson responded that he had sent an email to his contact at LBWL requesting if LBWL could work out a plan to have the on-call LBWL signal employee take an LBWL vehicle home to expedite response time as the Board of Road Commissioners had requested. Mr. Peterson said he had not heard back from LBWL since sending this email. Commissioner Dravenstatt-Moceri said he would follow up with LBWL.

Commissioner Gear thanked staff for putting up the advanced construction notice signs on Mt. Hope Road. Commissioner Gear said the wording on the sign was fine with him.

No public comment was offered. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Joseph A. Guenther, Chair

David E. Francis, Deputy Board Secretary